**NOT ASHAMED**

**Psalms 31:1**

**1**[**(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.) In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-31-1/)

**Luke 9:26 26**[**For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-9-26/)

**INTRO:**

**1. Psalms 31:1**

 **a. The psalmist states that he is putting his trust in the LORD (Jehovah – the only almighty, true, personal, holy being) .**

 **b. “let me never be ashamed” – The word “ashamed” here is used by the psalmist and is meaning here is that it is a disgrace and a reproach to be overtaken by an enemy.**

**NOTE: It is a disgrace and a shame to be overtaken by our enemy the devil! People should be ashamed if Satan and sin has defeated them and overtaken their lives!**

**NOTE: We should call on God and put our trust in Him and pray that God would help us to never be overtaken by the devil and face God ashamed of sins in our life!**

**2. Luke 9:26**

 **a. For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed – This is to be embarrassed or to blush.**

 **b. Being ashamed in this sense is to go as far as to deny the Lord. It’s like a teenage boy or girl who does not want anyone to know their parents so they deny their parents. They disassociate themselves from their parents.**

 **c. Christ said you should not be ashamed of Him, and you should not be ashamed of his words!**

**26**[**For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed,**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-9-26/)

**NOTE: His Words is my Bible, my Beliefs, and my Behavior, and I’m not ashamed of any of them!**

**\*\*Paul said it this way in Romans 1:16 16**[**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-1-16/)

**\*\*I want to proclaim that I’m not ashamed!**

**BODY – I’M NOT ASHAMED . . .**

**I. TO POSSESS HIM**

**Psalms 31:14 14**[**But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-31-14/)

 **A. I Possess Him in my Heart**

**Ephesians 3:17 17**[**That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Ephesians-3-17/)

**\*\*The only way to possess Him is for Him to possess you because of your faith in Him!**

**\*\*Possessing Him Keeps My Heart . . .**

 **1. Saved**

**\*\*It’s impossible to possess Him and not possess Salvation!**

 **2. Strengthened**

**Psalms 31:24 24**[**Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-31-24/)

 **3. Satisfied**

**Psalms 107:9 9**[**For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-107-9/)

 **4. Secure**

**Hebrews 13:5 [for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-13-5/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20translations%20of%20Hebrews%2013%3A5)**

 **B. I Possess Him in my Home**

**\*\*A home with Jesus in it is . . .**

 **1. Different**

**\*\*How many can say your home is different since Jesus moved in?**

**\*\* A Jesus filled home has Peace and Prayer!**

 **2. Delivered**

**\*\*From Hurt, Heartache, and Hell that sin causes!**

**\*\*Don’t let Satan repossess your heart nor your home!**

**\*\*I’m not ashamed that my heart and home possess Jesus!**

**II. TO PROFESS HIM**

**Hebrews 10:23 23**[**Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-10-23/)

**\*\* If you possess Him, you need to profess Him!**

**\*\* You CONFESS your Failures (Sin) – that’s a negative – a C-O-N – a con!**

**\*\* You PROFESS your Faith (Salvation) – that’s a positive – a P-R-O – a pro!**

 **A. Profess Your Savior!**

 **1. After Conviction**

 **2. After Confession**

 **3. After Contrition (Repentance)**

 **4. After Conversion (Redemption)**

 **B. Profess Your Salvation**

 **1. With Your Words!**

 **a. Testify about it!**

 **b. Tell about it!**

 **2. With Your Ways!**

**\*\*Can people know you are saved with a glorious salvation just because of your ways and your walk?**

**\*\*Do not be ashamed to profess Him!**

**III.  TO PRAISE HIM**

 **A. Be Cheerful and Unashamed to Praise Him!**

**Psalms 98:4 4**[**Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-98-4/)

**\*\*This noise making includes singing, shouting, and saluting our LORD (Jehovah)!**

**Illustration: When a king entered the room or area, the proper greeting was to salute him with glad shouts, music, trumpets, and the clapping of hands! One day the Lord will return, and the church will be unashamed to salute him with shouting and singing! Don’t be ashamed to cheerfully praise Him now!**

 **B. Be Committed and Unashamed to Praise Him!**

**Psalms 57:7 7**[**My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-57-7/)

**\*\*He said his heart is fixed . . . twice. It means to be established and set in place and unmovable.**

**\*\*How fixed and committed is your heart on praising the Lord?**

**\*\*Commit yourself without shame to Love Him and Lift Him with praise!**

**\*\*It is a shame for a Christian not to praise the Lord, and the Lord is surely ashamed of us when we do not worship Him!**

**IV.  TO PREACH HIM**

**Romans 1:16 16**[**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Romans-1-16/)

**\*\*I’m not ashamed to preach Christ, His Crucifixion, His Cross, His Comeback, His Comforter, nor His Coming!**

**V. TO PLEASE HIM**

**Colossians 1:10 10**[**That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-10/)

**\*\*The word “pleasing” here means meeting every wish or *To do anything* to meet, to anticipate, His wishes, is not only the most beneficial but the most absolutely right thing we can do.**

 **A. I’m Not Ashamed to Please Him Here!**

**\*\*If you are doing anything and everything to please Him, then you will be following His Word, His Ways, His Wishes, and His Will!**

**\*\*Keep pleasing Him despite any Family, any Friends, or any Foes – And don’t be ashamed to do so!**

 **B. I’m Not Ashamed to Please Him Hereafter!**

**\*\*Hereafter means . . .**

 **1. Henceforth (from now on)**

**\*\*Have you made up your mind that you want to please the Lord without shame from now on? I have!**

 **2. Heaven (Life after death)**

**\*\*If it does not bother me to please him and meet His every wish here, I sure will not be ashamed to meet His every wish in Heaven!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Have you ever had a parent or teacher or someone in authority or even a family member say, “You ought to be ashamed of yourself!”**

**2. If there is unconfessed sin in your life – then yes, you ought to be ashamed of yourself, but you should not be ashamed to come to this altar and confess your sins and ask God to come in your heart!**

**3. Christian – I’m talking to you. If you have been ashamed to indicate to your co-workers, family, or friends that you are a Christian that loves the Lord, you ought to be ashamed of yourself! The Lord is ashamed of you!**

**4. Christian – If you have been ashamed to lift your hand or to testify or to sing or to shout or to give a devotion, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. The Lord is ashamed of you.**

**5. I realize some people are bashful and have social issues and are just plum backwards when it comes to doing something for God in a public setting. However, if God has asked you to do something or enabled you to do something, it’s time to prove to Him that for Him you will do your best without shame just because you love Him!**

**\*\*Is God asking you to step out of your comfort zone and show this world that you are not ashamed of Him?**

**\*\*One of the worst things I would ever hear would be for the Lord to say, “I’m very disappointed in you and ashamed of you because you were ashamed of me.”**

**\*\*Don’t let that happen to you!**

**\*\*Don’t be ashamed to come and pray right now!**