



As our society seems to be pulling back the welcome mat on saying, Merry Christmas, I thought that today we look at Romans 1:16 (NASB) which reads:

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first
and also to the Greek.*

Now being ashamed of the gospel is not something that many of us think about. We would just rather, not talk about it in order to respect the other person's point of view: *After all, didn't God tell us to be at peace with all men.*

But, it may go deeper than that. You decide.

Another word for 'ashamed' is 'dis-graced', or not graced

So, if we are hesitant in sharing our faith, aka saying a simple Merry Christmas- might we be, inadvertently, stating that we have not been graced with the gospel. That the gospel has not impacted our lives as we may have thought?

Might this reluctance in sharing the good news of this Christmas season be more a reflection on our relationship with God than our respecting our fellow man?

Some things to think about as we go through this time of Advent.

Blessings on your journey
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