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**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT
REVIEW**

Remember this? Character of friend(s)!
How did you do?

Take a moment and rate the qualities when it comes to what you look for in
a friend (and are you receiving it)?

Enter (1) for Yes, (2) for No, and (3) for Can do better

Good Family Life___	STD's___	Strong Christian___
Spiritual Strength___	Love___	Good Listener___
Personal Appearance___	Athletic___	Honesty___
Encouragement___	Funny___	Smart___

HONORING THE CROSS OF OUR CHRIST

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that
brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the
Gentile. (Romans 1:16)*

*So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his
prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel,
by the power of God. (2 Timothy 1:8)*

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LESSON OBJECTIVE:

To develop a passion in every student to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

DEFINITIONS

Gospel: the teaching or revelation of Christ, the record of Christ's life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament.

Ashamed: Reluctant to do something through fear of embarrassment or humiliation.

Cross of Christ: The **Cross** is love. **Christ** died for sinners. He died for people who had lost their way. He did not die because it was forced upon him. It was a choice.

Jesus Christ: A prophet of the first century of our era; to **Christians, Jesus Christ**, the son of God, a person who was both God and man, the Messiah sent by God to save the human race from the sin it inherited through the Fall of Man.

IMPACT

- How does the Gospel of Jesus Christ impact your witness to others?
- In what ways does your witness signify your **embarrassment** as a Christian?

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FACTORS

- Not every student shares the Gospel
- Our witness tends to be about the practice of religion vs. the power of the Gospel
- Church growth is determined by new disciples vs. transfer of membership

IMPLEMENTATION

How do we honor the cross of Jesus Christ?

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (Matthew 28:19)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

PRACTICE

The practice used in witnessing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives is demonstrated through our testimony.

To testify is derived from the word Martureo, which means to:

- To be a witness
- To bear witness
- To affirm through seeing and/or hearing what we’ve experienced

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Purpose

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- For Timothy to express boldness in identifying and testifying about Jesus.
- To have confidence in his relationship with Christ and the story of Christ (“Eternal life through the Gospel”)

What Is the Gospel of Our Lord?

“The Gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy.”

Our Evaluation of the Gospel, Are We Ashamed?

1. The Gospel is Good News
 2. Our Power lies in the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ
 3. He is eternally triumphant over His enemies
 4. There is no condemnation for those who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- Victory in Christ releases us from any shame
 - As shame is left, everlasting joy proceeds...

WE HAVE VICTORY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

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HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

1. **A**dmit that you are a sinner.
2. **B**elieve that Jesus Christ is God's Son and died for your sins.
3. **C**onfess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

If this reflects what is in your heart, we invite you to come forward and speak **privately** with a counselor.

