

## Deacon's Beacons

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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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16–17

If you are ashamed of what the Gospel proclaims, you cannot be a Christian. But some use this as a club to say that you have to do everything laid out in the Gospels, literally. So how about that passage about hating your father and mother to be a follower of Jesus? Different time, different culture, different language. According to St. Paul, it is fully acceptable to have slaves. We need to step back and look at what the Gospel is telling us. The message, over and over, is that we are called to love. Are you doing that?

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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