

# **Goal of Evil: Silence**

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Romans 1:16 (ESV)

I am not ashamed of the gospel!

**The gospel means good news. Fundamentally, the gospel, the good news is:**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**However, these believers full of the Holy Spirit know that receiving the Holy Spirit is a **required element** in proclaiming the gospel, the good news.**

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

**Paul is saying, “I am not ashamed of the complete good news of God forgiving our sins **and giving us the Holy Spirit** empowering us.”**

**Silence is Satan’s tool to defeat the church.** Paul is stating that silence is not an option for a believer, “I am not ashamed!” **With silence we cooperate with evil.** With silence, God’s avenues to this world are blocked because God has chosen HIS people to share the good news. **Silence was the aim of the opponents of the church at the very beginning.**

Acts 4:18 (ESV)

So they (the religious leaders) called them (Peter and John) and charged them **not to speak** or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

**When told to be silent, Every Believers has a very clear responsibility!**

Acts 4:19–20 (ESV)

“Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for **we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.**”

**Believers should never be ashamed. We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.**

Amos 3:8 (ESV)

The lion has roared;  
who will not fear?  
The Lord GOD has spoken;  
who can but prophesy?”

**When God speaks, we cannot help but Roar! The Lion has roared! We must speak what we believe!**

**Goal of Evil: Silence, therefore the Bible says:**

Romans 10:9 (ESV)

If you **confess with your mouth** that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**The point here, the mouth confesses what the heart believes. Many do not confess Jesus because in their heart they really do not believe.**

**Goal of Evil: Silence! A believer must speak!**

Romans 10:10 (ESV)

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and **with the mouth one confesses** and is saved.

**God purpose is for us to speak out loud with our mouths! Goal of Evil is Silence! Our behavior is imperative, but Belief is evidence by what we say!**

Romans 10:14 (ESV)

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? **And how are they to hear without someone preaching?**

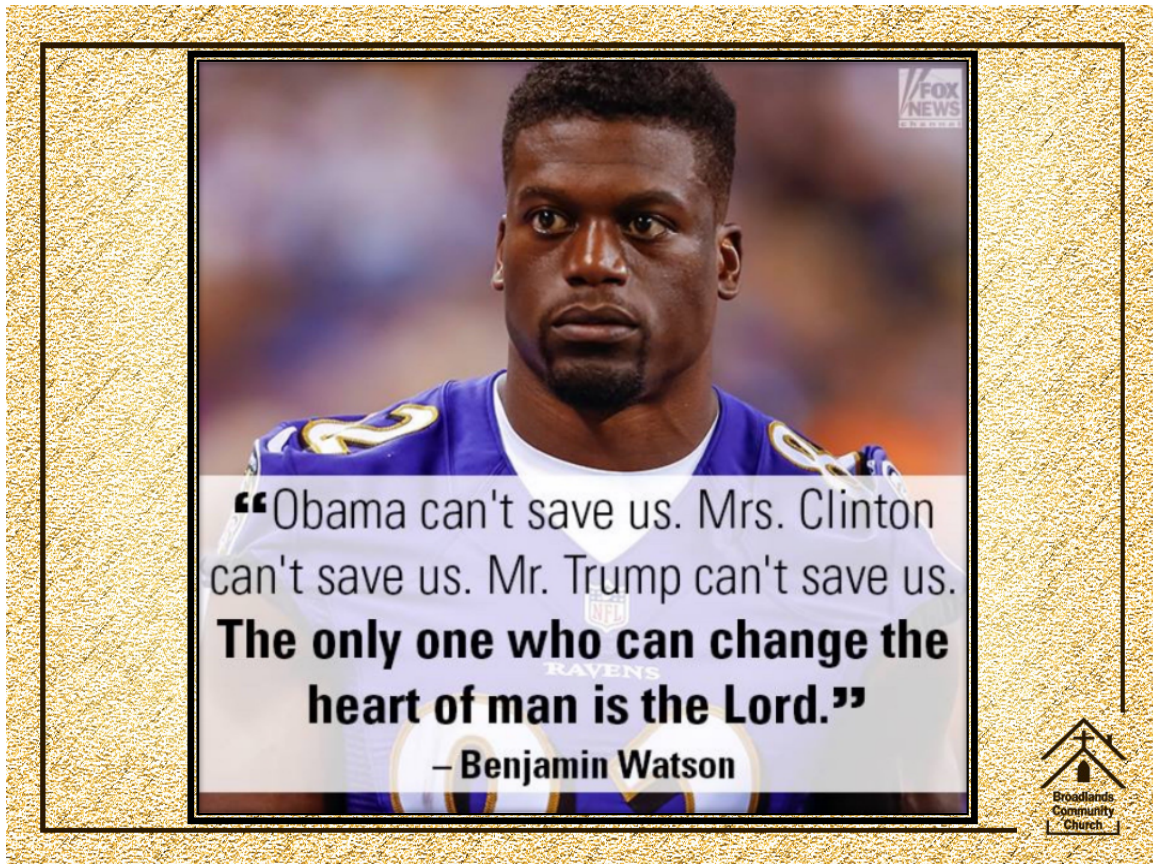
Right now we hear people say faith is a personal and therefore they don't publically share. **Goal of Evil: Silence! Therefore, we must share!**

Romans 10:17 (ESV)

So faith comes **from hearing**, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**If we are silent, we are cooperating with evil. By our silence we are denying Jesus. Once we open our mouths and speak, we release God to work.**

We are talking about Jesus! Jesus and only Jesus is the answer! **Not political or social, but Jesus!**



God is speaking to us about **Northern Virginia** just like God spoke to Paul.

Acts 18:9–10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> "Do not be afraid, but **go on speaking and do not be silent**, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for **I have many in this city who are my people.**"

**We are in Northern Virginia for a reason!**

**If the Goal of Evil is Silence, speak out loud! Get in the wagon!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**"The gospel, good news, is not just words!" When we speak, we have the power of the Holy Spirit:**

**Therefore, speak out loud with power! We have Wheels on the Wagon!**

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

**This morning place your trust in Jesus and ask and receive the Holy Spirit. Pray with me! Jesus I believe you died for my sins in my place. Jesus I believe I am forgiven and have a home in heaven. Jesus fill me with your Holy Spirit.**

**Proclaim with our mouth,  
"I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
I will not be silent!"**

**Prophetic Team**

**Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.**