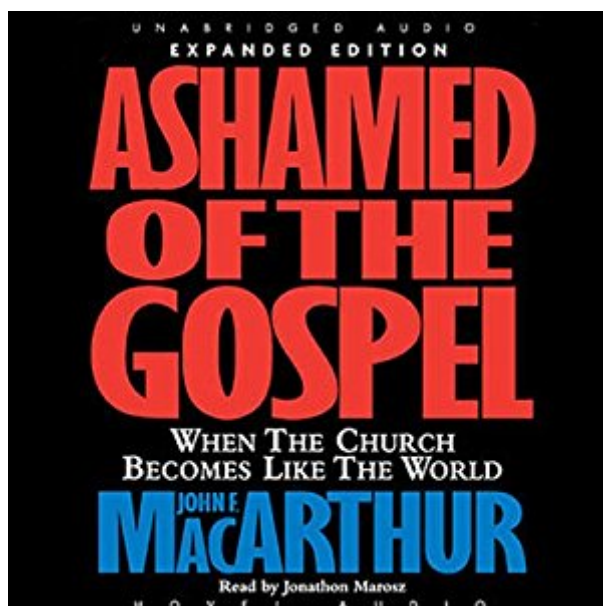


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# Ashamed Of The Gospel: When The Church Becomes Like The World



## Synopsis

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of the God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16 // With this verse, John MacArthur begins to remind us of C.H. Spurgeon's warning in 1800's England.

“Everywhere there is apathy. Nobody cares whether that which is preached is true or false. A sermon is a sermon whatever the subject; only, the shorter it is the better.” • Charles Haddon Spurgeon // Until all that changes, until we return to our calling to go into all the world and preach the Gospel without shame, the Church is in danger of losing its impact on society. And that would be our generation's greatest loss. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Like "Muscle and Shovel", this one is a must read for all Christians. We are watching history repeat itself with the new "worship" model, of noise, nickels, and numbers, sacrificing holiness and obedience to God, for our new idols. Although fraught with many doctrinal errors, on the whole a good read. Will make you think, and maybe rethink how you worship the Father.

Great work discerning the the repackaged but age old error or modernism invading the church in the form of "another gospel". Loved this work from JMac.

This man never fails to challenge and inspire me to call into question what may have become just

the status quo with my walk or in my church. Have we as Christians lost the way the Christ wanted us to go? John MacArthur brings up a lot of great points about where we as Christians have gotten to.

This MacArthur book is definitely for all believers. It would be #1 on the best seller list if every Christian that needed to read it bought it! Christ's Gospel has been all but "shelved" because Christians have cowered to the secular pressures and false teachings so prevalent in today's Liberal Denominations and the "New Age, Charismatic, seeker sensitive, Bible optional, post modern, relativistic and pragmatic mega churches. Dr. MacArthur's "Ashamed of the Gospel" is must reading for all Christians. Hopefully it will "shame" or "inspire" Christian Soldiers Onward!

My men's group at church recently decided to go through this book. I had previously read it about a decade ago, and it has lost none of its stunning prophetic nature now, 17 years after its original publication. As the subtitle says, John MacArthur explains how the church today has become more and more like the world. We have seen this in the recent opening of two new churches in our area of the city, one sporting the mantra "No Rules, Just Right Relationships." Jesus Himself said, "If you love me, you will obey me." You wouldn't know that from this mantra. The contemporary Christian church, MacArthur rightly explains, has become heavily influenced by a market-driven philosophy in its drive to increase attendance. MacArthur urges Christian churches everywhere to return to preaching the Bible and stop relying on gimmicks such as comedic sketches and slapstick.

...it repeated some areas so many times. Repetition can be a good teaching device, but it can make a book harder to read when it is done too often. There are some discussions about Spurgeon, some in detail, but it was not excessive. I think history can be a good teacher. Our times are not so different from 100 years ago. The author is the pastor of a large church, but don't let that be a determining factor (Scripture should be). He points out what many successful large churches have at their core -- striving after God's will and not man's will. Unfortunately, too many churches try to find the little "tricks" that large churches use to get people in the doors. They forget that there are no tricks, just follow God and He will bless as HE desires -- the church may or may not grow in numbers (width) but certainly will grow in Him (depth). If you, like I, have been at a church that puts numerical growth before spiritual growth, you probably have some idea of how cancerous it can be. Pray that our churches shun that and follow God. This book is a good start.

Outstanding book! Highly recommend! Once again, John MacArthur clarifies and defends the fundamentals of the Christian faith - this time against society's collective desire to be entertained and treated with kid gloves.

I already own many, many books by Pastor MacArthur, even a commentary on the book of acts written by his father! I own the "Gospel According To Jesus" The Gospel According To The Apostles" "Twelve Ordinary Men" The Death Of Jesus" and John MacArthur is an amazing teacher and a pretty good writer as well. A prolific author, with so much knowledge, God is using this man to "feed His flock" and as a tool for this time of Apostasy, to keep His people anchored in truth! Amazing book I highly recommend it!

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