

A strong place – Shame for Glory

Types of shame – shame from before you were a Christian, shame after you are a Christian – based on real sin (unacted upon conviction turns into shame – always been the case Rom 7), generally feeling of shame (not good enough) – Identity

You are right to feel bad about sin. Sin is never to be minimized. It is utterly horrible and in its nature is contrary to God and Jesus in you. It was so bad that God had to turn away from Jesus. The enormity of sin though is not the issue.

Dan 12:2

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to **shame** and everlasting contempt.

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Shame is the reward for those whom do not know Christ!

How we transact with shame

- Try to handle it ourselves – Adam & Eve & the fig leaves

Gen 3:8-10

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

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- Replace God's grace with our struggle – we elevate our sin over God's grace. We elevate our way of dealing with sin above his way.
- We hide it from people around us – shame wants to keep it all private – don't share it
- We empower ourselves by holding on to shame
- It is our motivator - It is shame that motivates you to do right. A poor motivator that fails in the end.

The product of shame

- FEAR - Peter in the boat – become afraid of Jesus

Luke 5:8-11

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "**Do not be afraid**. From now on you will catch men." 11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

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- CONFUSION - The words used for shame mean confusion – the tool of the enemy
 - Confusion of where our righteousness comes from
 - Can start to see God as evil
 - Wonder if this God thing really works – began to have serious issues with our faith
- SEPARATE FROM GOD & OTHERS

His plan for your shame

- Jesus does not stand in opposition to you – he is appealing to God on behalf of you
- Jesus response to Peter – not shame but vision for his future!

And Jesus said to Simon, "**Do not be afraid**. From now on you will catch men."

- It's His kindness that leads us to repentance

Rom 2:4

4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

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What is our part?

- Undealt with conviction turns to shame
- Confession

James 5:16

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

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- Requires action on our part
- Present our bodies as living sacrifices

- Exchange your shame for His glory

The cross was a shameful death. The cross was shameful. Cross was an instrument of extreme shame and interesting that now it is very hard to comprehend it as shameful. It is seen today in glory, in poetry, in the most beautiful of cathedrals, adorns elaborate altars, engravings. What was once shameful now shows the glory of God! The same is true for us if we know Jesus. We were once shameful but now show His Glory!