

Series - The Gospel for All

The Gospel for the Shamed **Ephesians 2:11-22**

Guilt, Shame and Fear Cultures

The world cultures divided into these major categories

Shame-honor cultures describes collectivistic cultures where people are shamed for not fulfilling group expectations and seek to restore their honor before the community. Desire is for harmony and worthiness.

Summary

	Guilt	Shame	Fear
Metaphor	Courtroom	Community	Combat
God	Lawgiver and judge	Father and Patron	Ruler and Creator
Sin	Lawbreaker	Disloyalty	Idolatry
Christ	Sacrifice	Mediator	Conqueror
Salvation	Forgiveness	Honor/Face	Peace/Freedom
Mission	Truth	Community	Power

Definition of Shame: a painful emotion caused by consciousness of shortcoming, or impropriety, a condition of humiliating disgrace or disrepute, something that brings censure or reproach

Often referred to as "Face" or "Name". Thai word for shame means "to rip someone's face off". Shame says "I am a mistake"

Old Testament references

When Israel turned away from God the Glory and Honor was stripped from them as a nation. *Psalm 44:13-15*

Sin is referred to as:

- Contempt to God - **Malachi 1:9**
- Despising God's Word - **2 Samuel 12:9**
- Shame and Humiliation - **Isaiah 61:7**

New Testament

Romans 3:23 - in sin we fall short of the glory of God

Romans 6:23 - our sin separates us from God

Ephesians 2:11-22 The Gospel for the shamed

I. The Need of Man **11-13**

A. Remember who you were without God

Separate from Christ

Excluded from Israel (chosen nation)

Strangers to the promises of God

Having no hope - no real God

B. Remember where you were

Far away from God

C. Remember where you are now

Brought near by the sacrifice of Christ.

II. The Nearness through Christ **14-18**

A. Real Peace with God and His children

Before there was enmity and a wall of separation
The Law separated us from God and one another

B. Reconciled to God together

Restored to peace with Christ and His children
Through the cross where God and Man met
The enmity was put to death

C. Renewed access to God

In the Spirit - to God
As the children of the King

III. The New Relationship in Christ **19-22**

A. No longer Strangers and Aliens

Now citizens with the saints
Now members of the household of God

B. Built into the House of God

On the Foundation of the Prophets and Apostles
Held together by Christ - the cornerstone

In biblical times, a cornerstone was used as the foundation and standard upon which a building was constructed. Once in place, the rest of the building would conform to the angles and size of the cornerstone. In addition, if removed, the entire structure could collapse.

Christ is the stability and connection of all believers

C. Built to be inhabited by God Himself

We are becoming a Temple for God
The dwelling of the Spirit of God

What we have in Salvation through Christ

1. Shame is removed - He took it on the cross **Hebrews 12:2**
2. We are reconciled, restored to God **Romans 5:10-11**
3. God's glory is restored in our unity **1 John 17:22-23**
4. We will be honored with Christ **2 Thessalonians 2:12**
5. We become the very people of God **1 Peter 2:9-10**

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