

Unashamed

Shame Off You!

It all started in the Garden...

{17} but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

[Genesis 2:17 ESV]

{25} “And the man and his wife were both naked and **were not ashamed.**”

Genesis 2:25

{8} And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. {9} But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" {10} And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

[Genesis 3:8-10 ESV]

The Blame/Shame Game

{11} And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" {12} The man said, "The woman whom You gave [to be] with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." {13} Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." [Genesis 3:11-13 NASB]

Unlike guilt, which is the feeling of doing something wrong; shame is the feeling of being something wrong.

The Hallmark of Rebellion and Sin

- **Shame** - you hide from God and are independent from Him
 - You have lost your image and identity
 - You're deciding what is right and wrong in order to avoid shame
- **Blame** - you blame someone else for your current situation
 - Also known as:
 - Victim mindset
 - Poverty thinking
 - Orphan spirit

Shame

Aischyne - confusion of one who is ashamed of anything

Aischos - to disfigure, to dishonor

- Unashamed in the garden
 - ◆ Rebellion and eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - Hiding in the garden
 - Mankind carries guilt and shame of sin
 - ◆ Jesus dies a shameful death that He didn't deserve
 - Removes shame off those who believe in Him
 - Humanity restored back to original relational intention with God.

Despising Shame

Hebrews 12:2 (NASB) 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Despise - to cast down thoughts of agreement and harmony with something

{14} "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: {15} 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. {16} 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. {17} 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

{18} I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and [that] the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. {19} 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. {20} 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

{21} 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. {22} 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

[Revelation 3:14-22 NASB]

You cannot give up shame
without giving up pride.

The Great Exchange

{25} For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. [Romans 1:25 NASB]

- If we exchanged the truth for a lie to rebel against God, how do we get back in agreement and cooperation with God?
 - We exchange the lie for the truth.

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

{8} Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with [me] in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ...

{12} For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. [2 Timothy 1:8, 12 NASB]

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

{16} 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. {17} For in it [the] righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS [man] SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." [Romans 1:16-17 NASB]

Double Portion

6 But you will be known as Priests of Yahweh, and called Servants of our God. You will feast on the wealth of nations and revel in their riches! 7 Because you received a double dose of shame and dishonor, you will inherit a double portion of endless joy and everlasting bliss!

Isaiah 61:7-8 (TPT)

Fear and shame want to keep you small. They want you to be afraid of taking risks or be ashamed when a risk doesn't work out.

-Moral Revolution

Fear and shame are BFF's.

Although we cannot alter our past,
we can put our past on the altar.
-Francis Frangipane