The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

1-30-2017 Shame In Nakedness

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Genesis 2:24-25).

God created Adam, then Eve, and this was the first and last time that nakedness was of no concern. A hetero-sexual marriage relationship should be so open, a husband and wife "become one flesh." Since sin entered the world, and Adam and Eve were put out of the Garden of Eden, "shame" has always been associated with nakedness outside of marriage.

"None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD" (**Leviticus 18:6**).

God's people sinned, so God would "uncover your skirts over your face, That your shame may appear" (**Jeremiah 13:25-26**). To be naked in public is shameful!

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1-31-2017 Shame In Sins

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man (Mark 7:21-23).

Jesus is showing that sin is a heart matter, not completely from the outside influence of neighborhood, city, country, or friends! Half of this list is not in the 10 Commandments, so keeping the 10 Commandments will not save anyone today! People commit murders, adulteries, fornications, or thefts, or blaspheme God because their heart is evil! Christians must:

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God (**Hebrews 3:12**).

God's Word does not dwell in an evil heart, so:

Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us (**Ephesians 5:2**).

2-01-2017 Wrong Morals, Wrong Worship

Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations'? (Jeremiah 7:8-10).

The Jews thought once they were saved, they were always saved, as some preach today. But,

The carnal mind is enmity against God (Romans 8:7).

Solomon wrote:

Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil (Ecclesiastes 5:1).

Our lives and worship should be God's way.

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD (**Proverbs 15:8**).

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2-02-2017 Shame In Denial

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' So Peter went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him (Luke 22:61-63).

Why did Peter cry? Peter had boasted he would never fail Jesus, but then denied knowing Jesus. Jesus' prediction showed He knew Peter better than Peter himself! Have you denied knowing Jesus in your life when around others: family? friends? fellow-workers?

They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work (**Titus 1:16**).

It is shameful, either to live right but deny Jesus, or confess Jesus but deny Him in their lives.

He who has the Son has life (1 John 5:12).

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2-03-2017 What Is Shameful?

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21).

What is wrong with our society, or any other, is that works of the flesh are not only practiced, but they are promoted, and presumed with pride to be without any shame or guilt, whatsoever! Sinners are not ashamed of their own sins, but of all who "Preach the word!" (2 Timothy 4:2)! But like Paul,

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

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