

The Gospel's Power to take away our Shame

Romans 1:14 – 17

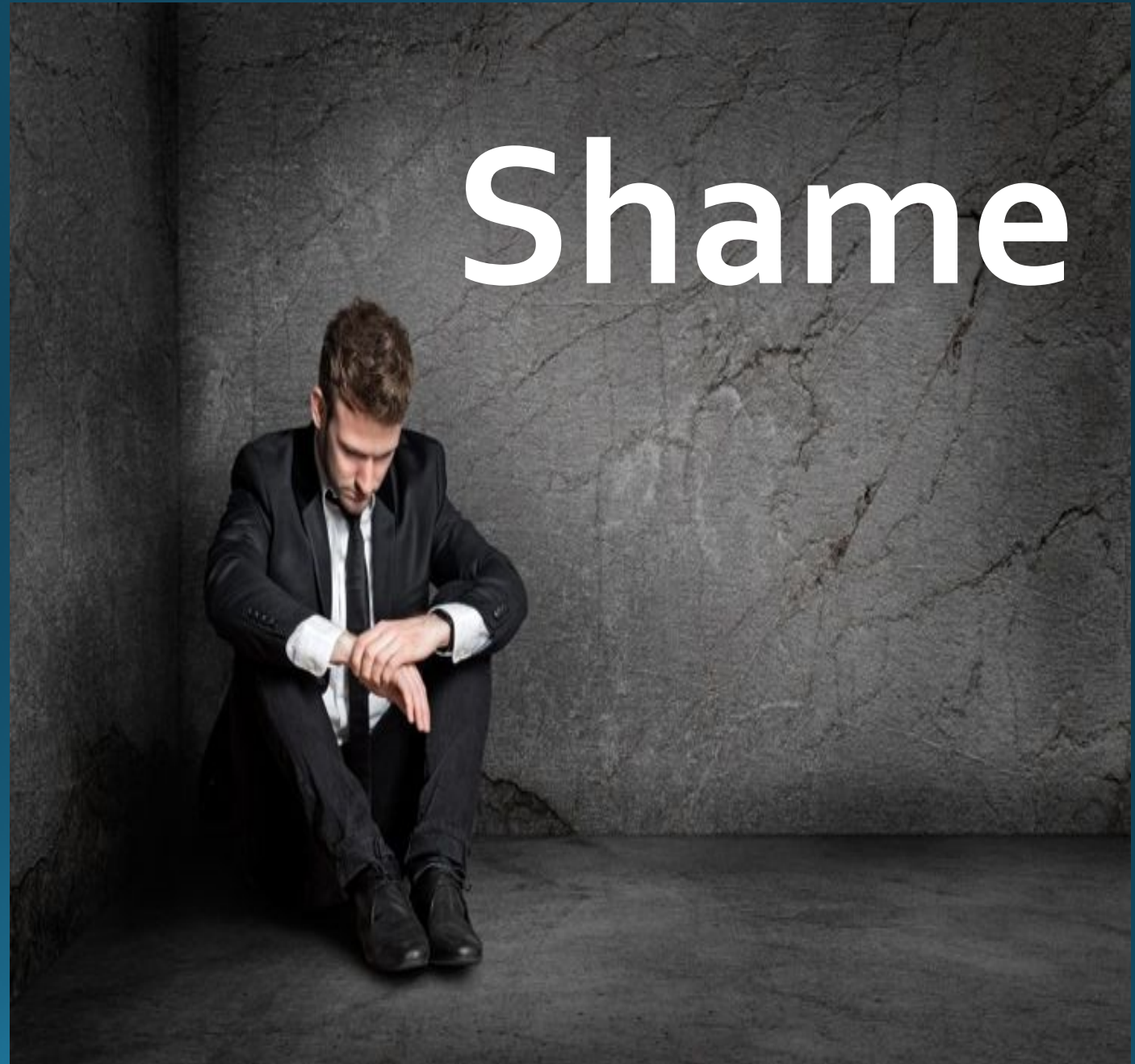


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Defining Shame:

- Merriam-Webster:
 - 1a: a painful emotion caused by consciousness of guilt, shortcoming, or impropriety
 - 1b: the susceptibility to such emotion (have you no *shame*?)
 - 2: a condition of humiliating disgrace or disrepute: ignominy (the *shame* of being arrested)
 - 3a: something that brings censure or reproach; *also*: something to be regretted: pity (it's a *shame* you can't go)
 - 3b: a cause of feeling shame
- Deference between Guilt & Shame



14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

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- “...the power of God...”
 - Hebrews 12:1 – 2
 - 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31

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- “...the power of God...”
- “...for salvation...”
 - Romans 5:1 – 11
 - Hebrews 8:12
 - 1 John 1:7
 - Revelation 21:1 – 5

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 - John 4:7 – 10
 - Acts 10:34
 - Galatians 3:26 – 29
 - Nehemiah 1:3
 - Nehemiah 4:6

ONLY Christ can remove our shame and guilt!

Do you feel ashamed of the sin in your life?