

Freedom, Not the Bondage of Shame

Father doesn't want us to live a life of shame or even to dwell on it. That's not living in abundance, but in limitation. It's not living in freedom, but restriction and bondage.

Shame is based on fear – fear of what others might think, or fear that 'God'¹ is offended by us. That means it shouldn't be entertained, because fear doesn't come from Heaven, it's a tool of the enemy.²

All our sins are forgiven by Father through his Son's work on the cross. That means we have no reason for fearing that he's offended with us. He's all-consuming love by nature, so he'll never 'slip up' and forget that we're forgiven.³

Not only are we forgiven, but the work of the cross makes us holy in Father's sight, all of the time – we're consecrated.⁴ That in itself should tell us we're never to be ashamed.

Sure we must repent⁵ by turning away from what caused us to be shameful, and live Father's way instead, but that's all there is to do. We can ask his forgiveness if we'd like to, but he's already done it. We can learn from the experience of being shamed, and see to it that we don't do it again, because that's a life experience.

So, what has Father said to us about shame? Read this:

“Do not dwell on the things you are ashamed of. You can do nothing to change the past. Repent and receive My forgiveness. Learn from your mistakes and move on. Regret is a weapon of the enemy to keep you bound. Freedom is a choice, and My grace is sufficient for the day.”⁶

Shame is debilitating and it's one of the enemy's most used tactics to sideline us, so we're ineffective for the Kingdom in our life as sons.

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1 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship. Out of my oneness with them, I also refer to them as The Trinity.

2 – “Nothing is Done Out of Fear in the Kingdom”

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