

Title: Tame The Shame.

Text: Genesis 3:7-8 ESV, 2nd Corinthians 5:17 ESV, Genesis 1:27-28a NIV, 2nd Corinthians 5:17-21 NIV, Romans 8:1 ESV, Psalm 42:11 NIV, Habakkuk 3:17-18 ESV

Target: When the devil has no control over the promise of your future, he'll remind you of the shame of your past.

The Problem: You'll never be as impactful or effective as God wants you to be when you allow your past to define you.

Guilt and shame are not the same:

Guilt: is an attack on my *behavior*.

Shame: is an attack on my *identity*.

The lie is that the only way to deal with shame is to be:

punished, paralyzed or perfect.

My identity in Christ means:

1. Shame has no power over my **promise**.
 - a. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* **2nd Corinthians 5:17 ESV**
 - b. *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it..."***Genesis 1:27-28a NIV**
2. Shame has no power over my **position**.
 - a. *"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."* **2nd Corinthians 5:17-21 NIV**
 - b. *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* **Romans 8:1 ESV**
3. Shame has no power over my **praise**.
 - a. *"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."* **Psalm 42:11 NIV**
 - b. *"Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off*

from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.” -Habakkuk 3:17-18 ESV

Take Away: Your shame was dealt with by the one who lived perfect so you don't have to.