

THE GHOST OF PAST SHAME
Ghosts Of Christmas Past Series, Part 2
December 9, 2018

“Fear not; you will no longer live in shame.” Isaiah 54:4a

We don't have to connect _____
with _____

Guilt: _____ **Shame:** _____

“²¹So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. ²²Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. ²³'At last!' the man exclaimed. 'This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'” ²⁴This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. ²⁵Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.” Genesis 2:21-25

“³The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, 'Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?’ ²'Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,' the woman replied. ³'It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, "You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die." ⁴'You won't die!' the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵'God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.' ⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. ⁸When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. ⁹Then the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰He replied, 'I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.'” Genesis 3:1-10

1. Shame causes us to _____

2. Shame causes us to _____

3. Shame causes us to _____

NEXT WEEK...
“The Ghost Of Past Labels”

GHOSTS OF
**CHRISTMAS
PAST**

Sadly, some of us struggle in the present because of labels in the past. We are haunted by words someone spoke about us in our past, and we have believed that's who we are based on what they said. What may have been true about you then doesn't have to be true about you now. You can discover in this message that God is much bigger than your past.

**Weekly
Financial Report
Nov 26 – Dec 2, 2018**

Tithes & Offerings: \$12,638

Weekly Budget: \$16,019

Christmas Offering Goal: \$15,000
Given to date: \$10,872