



Shame and Remorse

Psalm 51:1-4

Introduction

- Shame and remorse should be the result of doing what is wrong.
 - Consider Colossians 3:5-11.
 - Does engaging in any of the sins listed cause you to feel shame and remorse?
 - If not, then why not?
- Shame and remorse should cause a repentant heart, which then turns us back to the Lord.

Two Examples

- **King David and His Sin. *2 Sam 11 - 12***
 - David had an affair with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.
 - David tried to deceive Uriah.
 - David killed Uriah with the sword of the Ammonites.
 - Consider David's remorse. ***2 Sam 12:7-15; Psalms 51***

Two Examples

- **The Apostle Peter and His Sin.**
 - Peter denied knowing Jesus three times.
Luke 22:54-60
 - Peter wept bitterly after feeling the shame of what he had done. *Luke 22:61-62*
 - However, Peter would go on to faithfully serve the Lord, even to the point of death.
John 21:15-19

Shame and Remorse Leads to Salvation

- In both instances...
 - the sinner was filled with shame and remorse.
 - the sinner turned back to the Lord and was forgiven.

Shame and Remorse Leads to Salvation

- Despite our past sins, we can be reconciled to God. ***Col 1:21-23***
- Leave what is behind and press onward. ***Phil 3:12-14***
- Live to God. ***Gal 2:17-21***
- Walk in fellowship with God. ***1 John 1:5-10***
- If you sin, then turn away from your sin and ask God to forgive you. ***1 John 2:1-2***

Conclusion

- Have you ever experienced shame and remorse?
 - If so, then recognize it as a tool to help direct you to the Lord.
 - Repent of your sins and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?...” Acts 2:37-39; cf. Acts 3:19*