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“The Shame Buster”

“...we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame...” (1 John 2:28)

Satan’s Shame Scheme

Revelation 12:10 – “And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.’”

Zechariah 3:1-5 – (1) “Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. (2) And the LORD said to Satan, ‘The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?’ (3) Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. (4) And the angel said to those who were standing before him, ‘Remove the filthy garments from him.’ And to him he said, ‘Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.’ (5) And I said, ‘Let them put a clean turban on his head.’ So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.”

Confidence of Christ

John 6:27 – “Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

Matthew 9:10-13 – (10) “And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. (11) And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’ (12) But when he heard it, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. (13) Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Confidence in Christ

Ephesians 3:11-12 – (11) “This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, (12) in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.”

1 John 3:19-21 – (19) “By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; (20) for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. (21) Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;”

Key Point: Confidence in Christ Crushes Shame

Abide in Jesus

“And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

(1 John 2:28)

Purpose to Walk in His Ways

“whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” (1 John 2:6)

“And the angel of the LORD solemnly assured Joshua, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.’”

(Zechariah 3:6-7)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Has God “set His seal” on me? (Eph. 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:22; John 6:27)

Is confidence or condemnation the lot of a Christian? (Eph. 3:12; Heb. 10:19; Rom. 8:1, 33-35)