

January 2020 New Year Sermon Series of Hope Community Chapel
Defeating Guilt with Forgiveness And Grace
Sunday Family Worship Service 9:30 AM – 1/19/2020

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Message Title: **TRUE Guilt Is Truly Good.** - Pastor Glen

Personal Guilt Assessment:

Do I have any of these beliefs or behaviors?

You believe Simone is upset with you because you said some that was not nice about her?

You believe Simon is angry with you because you borrowed his lawn mower and knowingly gave it back to him broken.

You treated Charlene terribly because you believed Simone's lie and now Charlene won't except your apology?

You look in the mirror, and see the mess you have made of your life because of the choices you made not to obey God's Word and wonder how HE could still love you?

So what is the definition of TRUE Guilt according to scripture?

¹⁰ Now David's heart troubled him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." (2Sa 24:10 NAU)

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. (1Co 11:27 NAU)

– **True guilt is a result of SIN.**

¹⁷ "Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment. (Lev 5:17 NAU)

¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all. (Jam 2:10 NAU)

– **True guilt is a state/condition we are in when we sin even if we are unaware of it. Guilt is a FACT not a FEELING. Guilt is a legal term that denotes that the evidence has found us to have done what we believe, say, think, we did not do. Even if you don't know that picking flowers from someone's garden is wrong and you do it you are still guilty. Ignorance is no excuse for the LAW!**

Leviticus 6:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the LORD, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted *to him*, or through robbery, or *if* he has extorted from his companion, ³ or has found what was lost and lied about it and sworn falsely, so that he sins in regard to any one of the things a man may do; ⁴ then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall restore what he took by robbery or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him or the lost thing which he found, ⁵ or anything about which he swore falsely; he shall make restitution for it in full and add to it one-fifth more. He shall give it to the one to whom it belongs on the day *he presents* his guilt offering. ⁶ "Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the LORD, a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering, ⁷ and the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he will be forgiven for any one of the things which he may have done to incur guilt."

(Lev 6:1-7 NAU)

Hebrews 10:1 For the Law, since it has *only* a shadow of the good things to come *and* not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? ³ But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME; ⁶ IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE. ⁷ "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'" ⁸ After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*" (which are offered according to the Law), ⁹ then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹² but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, ¹³ waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. (Heb 10:1-14 NAU)

– **True guilt requires a sacrificial payment for violating God's revealed will. God requires a "guilt offering" when His law is broken, or the rights of another person have been violated. Restitution to the violated person must be paid first, then the guilt offering to God of a perfect ram without any blemish was to be sacrificed shedding it's blood for the guilty party. This then would cover that person's sins and bring forgiveness and reconciliation with God.**

⁹ Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things. (Ecc 11:9 NAU)

¹² So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. (Rom 14:12 NAU)

- **True Guilt must be accounted and payed for for each one of us. Each one of us is responsible to pay for our own guilt and no one elses bfore God.**

Definition of TRUE GUILT – True guilt is the condition I find myself in when I think, say, feel, or do what God's law instructs me not to do even when I am unaware of it. True guilt is a fact not a feeling so I can be guilty even when I do not feel I am guilty. I am responsible to take responsibility for my guilt before God and before the people I have violated.

What is the only payment acceptable to God for the guilt of my sin?

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (Joh 1:29 NAU)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world." (Joh 11:25-27 NAU)

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as

a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phi 2:5-11 NAU)

The old testament perfect, unblemished lamb is JESUS, the sinless, son of God. HE is the only acceptable sacrifice we can put our faith in to pay the guilt offering we are responsible to pay. There is no other acceptable offering to God the Father but JESUS.

Why is TRUE GUILT good?

TRUE guilt is like a thermometer for our soul. It takes our spiritual temperature and helps diagnose whether we are truly sick and need care or just feeling sick and need to correct the feeling.

#1 – True guilt helps us recognize something is wrong when we do not recognize it.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom 12:2 NAU)

#2 – TRUE guilt helps us live holy lives.

¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. (1Pe 3:16 NAU)

#3 – TRUE guilt helps us live lives confident in Christ and His amazing grace.

¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb 9:14 NAU)

#4 – TRUE guilt helps us live lives that are focused.

¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. ¹⁶ They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed. (Tit 1:15-16 NAU)

#5 – TRUE guilt helps us keep tender hearts and compassion in our souls.

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ² by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,... (1Ti 4:1-2 NAU)

#6 – TRUE guilt reassures me that I am saved.

⁷ "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; (Joh 16:7-8 NAU)

#7 – TRUE guilt reminds me that I am a child of GOD and HE loves me.

²⁴ He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently. (Pro 13:24 NAU)

⁵ and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; ⁶ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES

EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." (Heb 12:5-6 NAU)

#8 – TRUE guilt reaffirms my sanctification and that I am being transformed.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM," *He then says,* ¹⁷ "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." (Heb 10:15-17 NAU)

#9 – TRUE guilt redirects my energy and life because it helps teach me what is pleasing to God.

²⁶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. (Joh 14:26 NAU)

¹⁰ Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. (Psa 143:10 NAU)

#10 – TRUE guilt RENEWS my hope and conviction.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention *of you* in our prayers; ³ constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, ⁴ knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you; ⁵ for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. (1Th 1:2-5 NAU)

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁴ And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another. (Rom 15:13-14 NAU)

What are some of the blessings I will experience when I take responsibility for my guilt?

I will be saved - ¹⁵ For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength." But you were not willing, (Isa 30:15 NAU)

I will be forgiven - ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah. (Psa 32:2-5 NAU)

I will experience peace - ¹⁷ And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever. (Isa 32:17-18 NAU)

I will renew my health - ² How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit! ³ When I kept silent *about my sin*, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah. (psalm 32:2-4)

I will be restored to my God - ⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psa 51:7-10 NAU)

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