



Quilt Trippin'

Dear Mosaic Family,

I hope this message finds you well and encouraged in the Lord. As we close out 2025 and prepare our hearts for the new year, I wanted to share a recap of Sunday's powerful message about understanding the difference between guilt and shame in our walk with Christ.

Summary: The sermon explored the critical distinction between guilt and shame, and how the enemy uses condemnation to keep believers from stepping into their God-given destiny. While guilt is God's way of convicting our behavior and drawing us back to Him for correction, shame attacks our identity and makes us feel permanently disqualified. We learned that Romans 8:1 declares there is "no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus," reminding us that Jesus destroyed shame on the cross. This message calls us to stop self-sabotaging through negative self-talk and instead embrace the redemptive power of God that covers us, restores us, and propels us forward—regardless of past mistakes or missed opportunities.

Takeaways:

- **Guilt convicts behavior; shame condemns identity.** Guilt is informational and directional, meant to bring us to confession and restoration. Shame tells us we are unworthy and beyond redemption —but that is the enemy's lie, not God's truth.
- **Isolation is the enemy's strategy; community is God's protection.** Just as a lion attacks the wildebeest that falls behind the herd, the enemy targets believers who isolate themselves in shame. When we're struggling, we need to stay connected to the body of Christ, not hide away.
- **Stop wearing labels that don't belong to you.** Many of us have sewn our own "scarlet letters" on our lives, believing we're unworthy of love, promotion, or blessing because of past failures. But in Christ, you are a new creation—old things have passed away, and all things have become new.

Explicitly Mentioned Scripture References:

1. **Romans 8:1** - "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus"
2. **Genesis 3:7** - "Then the eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked" (Adam and Eve in the garden)
3. **Hebrews 12:2** - "Jesus endured the cross despising the shame"
4. **Isaiah 14** - The fall of Satan (referenced but not quoted directly)
5. **Ezekiel 28** - The fall of Satan/Lucifer (referenced but not quoted directly)
6. **Galatians 5:1** - "Stand therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free"

7. **2 Corinthians 5:17** - "Any man that is in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things pass away. Behold, all things become new" (paraphrased)
8. **Ephesians 3:20** - "Exceeding and abundantly above all that you can ask or think" (referenced)
9. **Proverbs 18:21** - "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (referenced)
10. **Deuteronomy 28:13** - "Head and not the tail, above and not beneath" (referenced)
11. **Deuteronomy 28:12** - "Lender and not the borrower" (referenced)
12. **Luke 6:38** - "Give and it shall be given... pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall men pour into your bosoms" (paraphrased)

As we prepare for our online New Year's Eve service this Wednesday, I encourage you to reflect on areas where you've given up hope or allowed shame to steal your destiny. God is calling you forward, not condemning you. If you're still breathing, there's still hope and purpose for your life.

Please continue to pray for those in our church family who are battling illness. Let's stand in faith together for complete healing and restoration.