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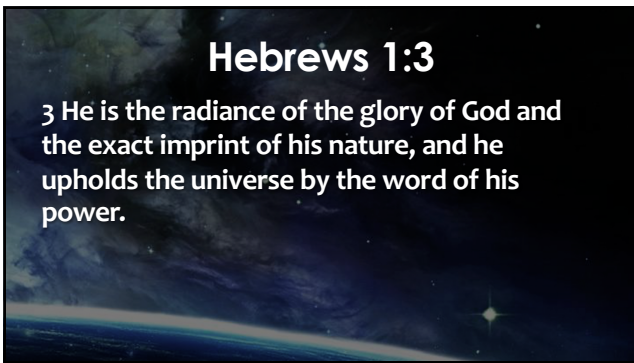
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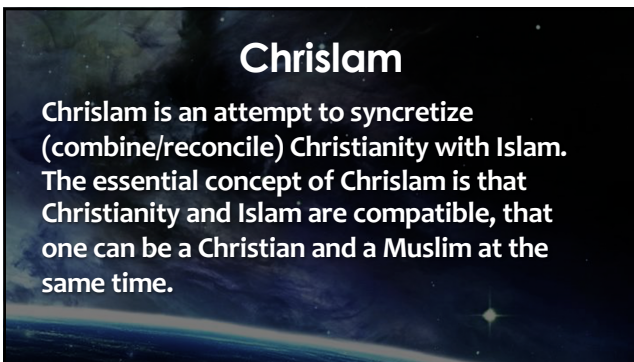
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### Jesus Is Prominent in the Quran

Jesus is given a prominent place in the Qur'an. He's called the Messiah, Son of Mary, Messenger, Prophet, Servant, Word, and Spirit of God. Jesus is always spoken of with reverence in the Qur'an. His virgin conception is indicated in Surahs 3:45-48 and 19:18-22.

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### Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is the Son of God sent from heaven  
Jesus is Risen with power to save sinners  
Jesus is the only Begotten Son  
Jesus is a member of the Trinity  
Jesus is the love of the Father  
Jesus is Savior

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### Quran rejects Jesus as Savior

The Quran rejects Jesus' death on the cross, the atonement of His blood and total depravity of man. In so doing, the Quran rejects the savior of the world. There's no gospel without the cross, for it's through Jesus's atoning death on behalf of sinful humans that justification and reconciliation with God are possible.

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### **Big Religion Doesn't Want Cures**

Religions with large hierarchies build systems that never cure sin but treat the symptoms of sin, namely shame and guilt, with some means of penance (religious practice or money) that increases the flow of power into their religion.

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### **Why We Need A Savior?**

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### **Big Religion Exploits Guilt - Shame**

Big Religion uses the coercive power of guilt and shame by manipulating our God-given conscience.

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### Conscience: Angel and Devil?

Hollywood version of conscience is personified by having an angel, representing conscience, on the right shoulder and a devil, representing temptation, on the left shoulder. This type of folklore imagery gives people the false impression that the conscience is like an inner listening room in which a person could hear the voice of God (a "good conscience") or the devil (a "bad conscience")

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### Biblical Conscience

The conscience is a part of our God-given internal faculties, a critical inner awareness that bears witness to the norms and values we recognize when determining right or wrong.

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### Conscience

English word is derived from Latin conscientia literally, 'joint-knowledge'. The Greek word translated "Conscience" in the New Testament is derived from a verb that means "to know with." This suggests a moral consciousness which compares an action with a standard.

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### Biblical Conscience

“a built-in warning system that signals us when something we have done is wrong. The conscience is to our souls what pain sensors are to our bodies: it inflicts distress, in the form of guilt, whenever we violate what our hearts tell us is right.”

- J. MacArthur

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### Biblical Conscience

Conscience serves as a witness to what we already know to be right. (Rom. 2:15, 9:1)

- Joe Carter

The Gospel Coalition

“What is Conscience?”

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### Conscience Pleasure or Pain

“often it [Conscience] merely makes its presence known through our emotions. When we conform to the values of our conscience we feel a sense of pleasure or relief. But when we violate the values of our conscience, it induces anguish or guilt.”

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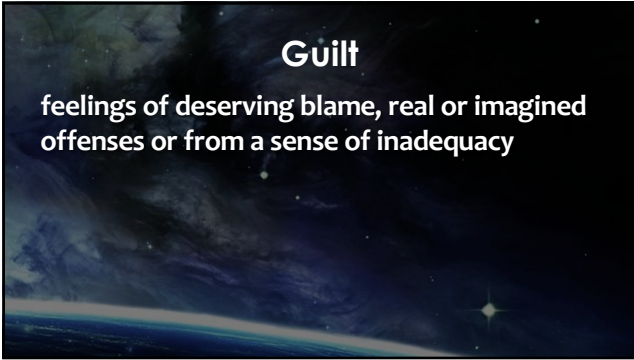
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**Guilt**  
feelings of deserving blame, real or imagined offenses or from a sense of inadequacy

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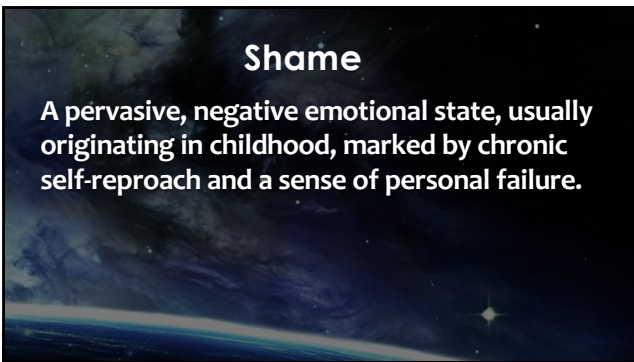
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**Shame**  
A pervasive, negative emotional state, usually originating in childhood, marked by chronic self-reproach and a sense of personal failure.

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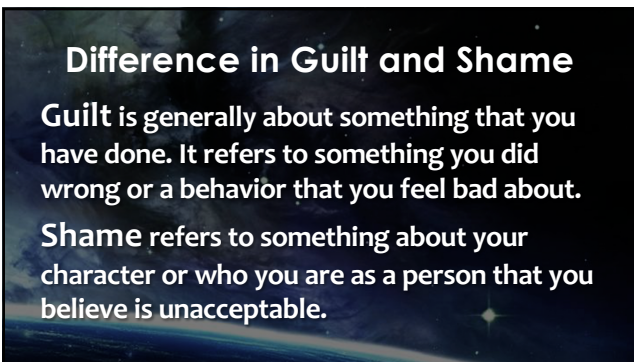
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**Difference in Guilt and Shame**  
**Guilt** is generally about something that you have done. It refers to something you did wrong or a behavior that you feel bad about.  
**Shame** refers to something about your character or who you are as a person that you believe is unacceptable.

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### Internalized Shame

Shame can be problematic when it becomes internalized and results in an overly harsh evaluation of oneself as a whole person. This inner critic might tell you that you are a bad person, worthless, or have no value.

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### Overcome Shame

Shame is an internalized experience about yourself, some aspect of your character, or how someone has treated you and how it made you feel about yourself.

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### Overcome Shame

1. Explore your Shame:
  - Identify and acknowledge the shame
2. Embrace your shame
  - We need a safe place to share, to belong and a group that will shower you with unconditional love.
3. Examine your beliefs about yourself
  - Aim for unconditional acceptance of yourself

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## Learn to Separate Guilt From Shame

Guilt is about wrong actions, shame is about being wrong as a person.

Shame is associated with avoiding failure and its consequences while guilt is connected with forgiving and improving one's self, along with making amends.

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Conscience State	Definition
<b>Good Conscience</b> (Clear, Pure)	When sensitive and active in judging past acts, Acts 23:1, 1Timothy 1:5,1 Timothy 1:19
<b>Weak Conscience</b> (Wounded)	When not active in judging past acts, it is said to be "weak" 1Cor 8:7, 1Cor 8:10, 1 Cor 8:12
<b>Bad Conscience</b> (Seared,Defiled, Evil)	When the conscience is insensitive "Seared" 1 Timothy 4:2 . "defiled" Titus 1:15 or "evil" Hebrews 10:22

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## 2 Timothy 1:3

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

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**Acts 23:1**

And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day."

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**1 Corinthians 8:10-13**

10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? 11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.

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**1 Corinthians 8:10-13**

12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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### Misinformed Conscience

[W]e have to remember that acting according to conscience may sometimes be sin as well. If the conscience is misinformed, then we seek the reasons for this misinformation. Is it misinformed because the person [doesn't know] the Word of God? "

- R.C. Sproul

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### Limits to Our Conscience

Conscience cannot be our final ethical authority because it is, unlike God's revealed Word, changeable and fallible. Christians reverse the order and attempt to use their conscience in order to judge God and his Word. Saying "I could not worship a God who would say [a clear statement from the Bible]"

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### 1 Corinthians 4:2-4

2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

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### Why We Need A Savior

A savior delivers us from the crushing weight of guilt from past sin by forever forgiving us when we choose to repent and accept forgiveness through Jesus Christ. A Savior destroys shame with unconditional love for how God created us. Jesus our Savior disarms big religion from exploiting guilt and shame.

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### Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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### Romans 10:11

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

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### Psalm 34:4-5

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

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### Isaiah 54:4

“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

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### Hebrews 1:3

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

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