

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 05/01/16
SERIES: TRANSFORMED
WEEK#5 – RELATIONAL HEALTH

Genesis 2:25 (ESV)

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:7-8 (ESV)

7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:11-14 (ESV)

11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

We **FEAR** EXPOSURE, so we HIDE

We **FEAR** DISAPPROVAL, so we BLAME

1 John 4:18 (ESV)

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Four amazing truths of God's perfect love:

1. I Am Fully Accepted In Christ

Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

2. I Am Unconditionally Loved In Christ

Romans 8:35,37-39 (ESV)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. I Am Extremely Valuable in Christ

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

4. I Am Completely Forgiven in Christ

Romans 8:1 (NLT)

1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.