

## YOUR GUILT: GOD'S LOVE

### Introduction:

James 2:10 (LB) "The person who keeps every law of God but makes one little slip is just as guilty as the person who has broken every law there is."

### WHAT IS GUILT?

Psalm 38:4 (NIV) "My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear."

- The feeling of guilt is where you \_\_\_\_\_ nobody finds out!
- Positive purpose of guilt is a \_\_\_\_\_ light.
- Two kinds of guilt:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_ guilt
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ guilt

Galatians 3:3 (NCV) "You began your life in Christ by the Spirit. Now are you trying to make it complete by your own power? This is foolish."

- Three tests to help us deal with guilt:
  1. Is the focus on \_\_\_\_\_ (false) or on \_\_\_\_\_ (genuine)?
  2. Is the focus \_\_\_\_\_ (false) or \_\_\_\_\_ (genuine)?
  3. Is the focus on \_\_\_\_\_ (false) or on \_\_\_\_\_ (genuine)?

### THREE WAYS HUMANS HANDLE GUILT

Genesis 3:7-12 (NLT)<sup>7</sup> At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.<sup>8</sup> When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup> He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."<sup>11</sup> "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup> The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## THREE WAYS GOD WANTS US TO HANDLE GUILT

I John 1: 8-10 (NLT) “**1 John 1:8-10** (New Living Translation)

<sup>8</sup> If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.”

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your sins.

Psalm 69:5 (NCV) “God, You know what I have done wrong; I cannot hide my guilt from you.”

○ Tell a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s character.

Hebrews 10:22 (NCV) “Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, because we have been made free from a guilty conscience.”

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s forgiveness.

John 3:18 (NCV) “People who believe in God’s Son are not judged guilty.”

○ Your debt is \_\_\_\_\_.

○ God forgives us and God \_\_\_\_\_ us in a new way.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Psalm 32:5 (LB) “I finally admitted all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, ‘I will confess them to the Lord.’ And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone.”