

## Equip – Evangelizing the Religious (Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism)

Class	Time	Title	Description
1	Tuesday 09:45-10:30	Introduction: What is the Gospel?	Explain the Gos-pill, Who Jesus is, What Jesus did, What We do (Trust Jesus)
2	Tuesday 10:35-11:20	8 Truths to Understand the Gospel	Standard, Sin, Shame, Separation, Savior/Substitution, Saving Faith, Salvation, Sanctification
3	Tuesday 12:10-12:55	Contextualization: Understanding Honor/Shame	Seeing Honor/Shame in the 8 Truths to Understand the Gospel
4	Tuesday 13:00-13:45	Introduction to Islam: Core Beliefs	5 Pillars of Islam, Main Belief's
5	Wednesday 09:45-10:30	Islam's Beliefs & View of 8 Truths	How Would The 8 Truths of Soteriology be Seen in Islam
6	Wednesday 10:35-11:20	Evangelizing Muslims	How to help Muslim's see the glory of Christ and that He is our salvation
7	Wednesday 12:10-12:55	Introduction to Buddhism: Core Beliefs	Buddha and His Main Teaching: Avoid Suffering
8	Wednesday 13:00-13:45	Buddhist Beliefs & View of 8 Truths	Standard, Sin, Shame, Separation, Savior/Substitution, Saving Power (means of salvation), Salvation, Sanctification
9	Thursday 09:45-10:30	Evangelizing Buddhist	How to help Buddhist's see the glory of Christ and that He is our Salvation
10	Thursday 10:35-11:20	Introduction to Hinduism: Core Beliefs	Hinduism and Its Components: Seeking Peace
11	Thursday 12:10-12:55	Hinduism's Beliefs & View of 8 Truths	Standard: Sin: Shame: Separation: Savior/Substitution: Saving Power (means of salvation), Salvation: Sanctification
12	Thursday 13:00-13:45	Evangelizing Hindus	How to help Hindus see the glory of Christ and that He is our Peace



## Lesson 1. What is the Gospel? GOOD NEWS

The word Gospel means “good news”. We watch the news all the time to see what is going in our neighborhoods, in our cities, and all around the world. Most of the news these days is not very good. The word for gospel in the scripture is talking specifically about the ultimate good news of Jesus and what he has done.

Let’s just say I am an amazing scientist and I have been working with some chemist, medical doctors, and even nutritionists and we came up with the cure for cancer in a little small pill. Anyone would say that is **gospel** (and it would be if that were true). Now let’s call this pill the “Gos-pill” for sake of illustration. Let’s say I go to all the hospitals and start to spread the word that this Gos-pill will cure them of their cancer, I give out samples and people are cured immediately. This would be GOSPEL for all those sick patients and their families. Now let’s say I shared with them that the pill (the Gos-pill) is not only the cure to their disease, but it would be available to them free of charge. They would not have to pay one penny for it because a very wealthy donor agreed to cover the price of the Gos- pill for all who were willing to receive it. That would be really, really GOOD NEWS, it would be OUTSTANDING NEWS. We would call this gospel, good news that should be proclaimed to the whole world. Well, unfortunately we do not have the cure for cancer yet. However, I have some really GOOD NEWS, amazing news, we have the cure for the deadliest disease known to mankind, and that deadly disease is a spiritual disease called sin. Sin is like a spiritual cancer that has infected every living person on the face of the earth. When left to itself, this disease of sin will lead to eternal death and separation from God for all of eternity. But praise be to God, we have the spiritual “Gos-pill” and it is absolutely free to us. It did not come to us without a price, it came at a great price. The death of God through the person of Jesus.



### **GOSPEL = JESUS**

In Romans 1:1 the Apostle Paul says, he was set apart for the “gospel of God”, and then in Romans 1:3 he says this gospel is “concerning his Son” Jesus. Jesus proved who he claimed to be (God the Son) by rising from the dead after being crucified (nailed to the cross) 3 days earlier. The gospel is all about Jesus. When you hear the word gospel you should always think Jesus. JESUS=GOSPEL & GOSPEL=JESUS. Notice Romans 1:1 says Paul was set apart for the “gospel of God”. Jesus is God and this Gospel is of him, from him, and about him. It concerns him (Romans 1:3). Jesus is the Gospel. The gospel is all about who Jesus is and what he did for us to bring us into perfect relationship with God. The gospel also contains the good news that all we have to do is trust in Jesus and what did. We could never be good or honorable enough to deserve God’s love.

### **The Gospel is Comprised of 3 Main Ingredients:**

**Who Jesus is - GOD THE SON** “(Jesus is God in human flesh. God’s glory (likeness) is revealed in the face of Jesus. Jesus should be honored in our hearts as Lord God).

**What Jesus did - EVERYTHING** (God put forth Jesus to substitute his perfect honorable life, death and resurrection to be our substitution and take our sin, shame, and separation we deserve).

**What we do – TRUST IN JESUS AND WHAT HE DID** (Honor Jesus as our Lord, and accept, by faith that Jesus perfect honorable life, death, and resurrection was sufficient to present us honorable and bring us into relationship with God).

## The Gospel Reveals Who Jesus Is

Jesus is God in human flesh. God's glory (likeness) is revealed in the face of Jesus. (Jesus should be honored in our hearts as Lord God).

### Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God

something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>9</sup> "Every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ  
is Lord"

**JESUS IS GOD**

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-5

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is  
veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case  
The god of this age has blinded the minds of  
Unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of  
The gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.  
<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but  
Jesus Christ as Lord.

### 2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,  
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the  
of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face  
of Jesus Christ

### Jesus Indirect Claims of Deity

Mark 1:2-8 – John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord.  
Mark 2:1-12 – Jesus claims to forgive sin, then PROVES.  
Mark 2:28 – Jesus claims to be Lord of the Sabbath  
Mark 4:35-41 – Jesus calms the Storm (See Psalm 89:8-9)  
Mark 5:1-20 – Demons confess who he is, then he PROVES  
Mark 5:21-24, & 35-43 – Jesus raises the dead – PROOF  
Mark 5:25-34- Healing power comes out of Jesus - PROOF  
Mark 16 – Jesus himself rises from death -PROOF

### Jesus Direct Claims of Deity

John 8:48 "I AM"  
John 6:35 "I AM the Bread of Life"  
John 8:12 "I AM the Light of the world"  
John 10:9 "I AM the Door"  
John 10:11 "I AM the Good Shepherd"  
John 11:25 "I AM the Resurrection & Life"  
John 14:6 "I AM the Way, Truth, Life"  
John 15:5 "I AM the Vine"

For more scriptures proclaiming and proving Jesus is God see the following: John 5 (5 Witness to Jesus being God)

## The Gospel Reveals What Jesus Did - EVERYTHING

(God put forth Jesus to substitute his perfect honorable life, death and resurrection to be our substitution and take our sin, shame, and separation we deserve).

### 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance which I also received: that Christ died for our sins accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

**Jesus Lived Perfectly Honorable,  
Died and Rose Again**

### The Cross

#### Philippians 2:8

“He Humbled Himself by becoming  
By becoming obedient to death, even death.  
On a cross.”

“For I decided to know nothing among you except  
Jesus Christ and Him crucified” – 1 Cor 2:2

### 1 Corinthians 1:17&18

<sup>17</sup>“For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ of Christ be emptied of its power.”  
<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.”

### 1 Corinthians 15:4

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with the scriptures.

### 1 Corinthians 15:17

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in futile  
And you are still in your sins.”

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and  
You will be saved”

### The Resurrection

#### John 11:25-26

“I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in  
will live even though he dies. And everyone lives and  
and believes in me, will never die. Do you believe this?”

believe in your heart God raised him from the dead  
- Romans 10:9

**The Gospel Reveals What we do – TRUST IN JESUS AND WHAT HE DID**

**(Honor Jesus as our Lord, and accept, by faith that Jesus perfect honorable life, death, and resurrection was sufficient to present us honorable and bring us into relationship with God).**

**Philippians 2:5-9-11**  
“At the name of Jesus every knee will bow,”  
“And every tongue acknowledge Jesus Christ is Lord”

**Romans 10:9**  
“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord  
And believe in your heart that God has raised him from  
The dead, you will be saved”.

**Honor (Confess) Jesus as Lord**

**Trust Jesus Death & Resurrection**

**Romans 10:10-12**

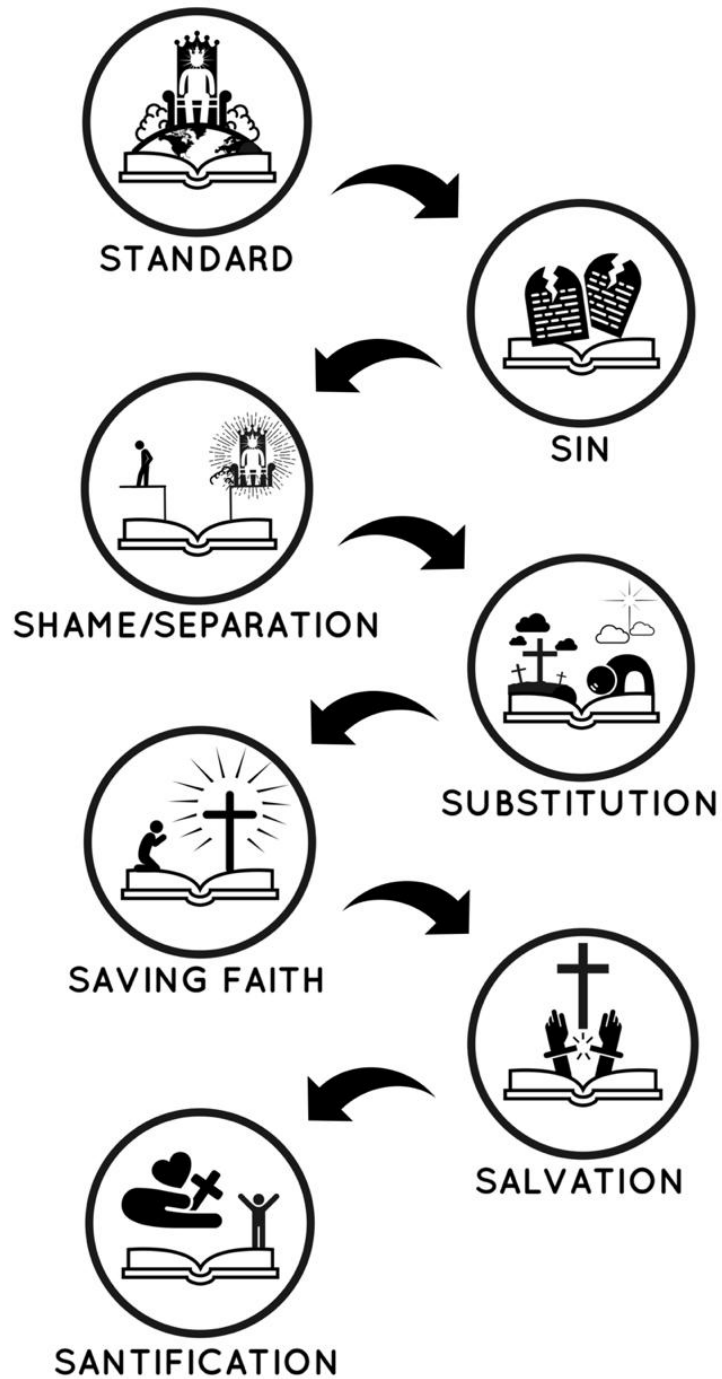
**John 3:16, John 3:36, Acts 16:31**

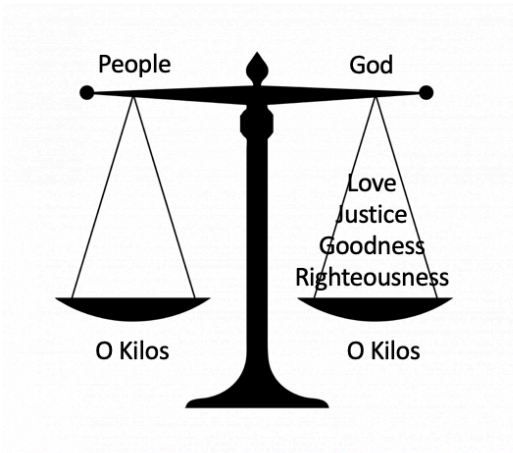
**Romans 3:22**  
“But now the righteousness of God has been  
Manifested apart from the law, the righteousness of God  
Through faith in Jesus for all who believe.

**Romans 3:26-27**  
“Whom God put forward as a propitiation, by his  
Blood, to be received by faith.”

## Lesson 2: 8 Concepts to Understand Soteriology

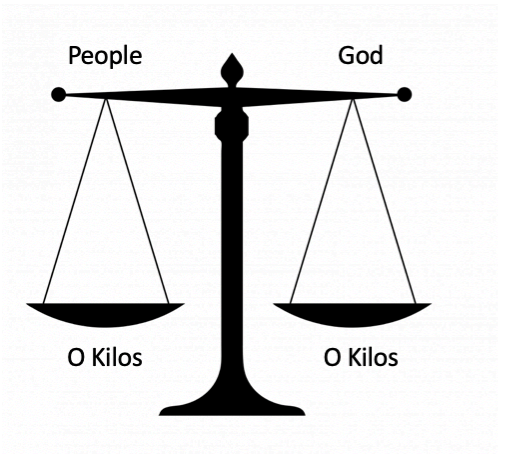
### UNDERSTANDING THE GOOD NEWS





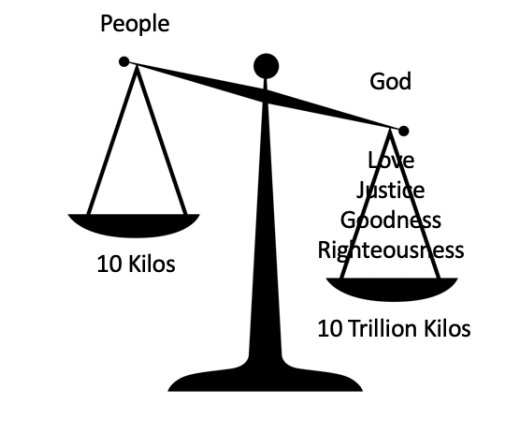
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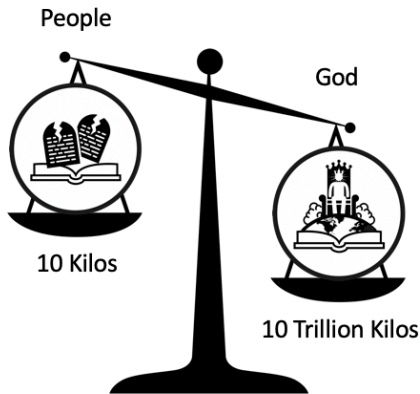
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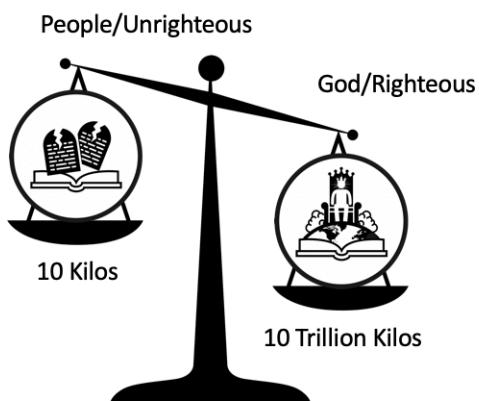
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## Honor

Due Respect, Love, Obedience, Valued  
Above Everything. Placed on the Throne of  
our hearts.

## 10 Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods except me
2. You shall not make any image and bow down to it
3. You shall not take God's name in vain
4. You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it holy
5. You shall honor your father and mother
6. You shall not kill
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not lie
10. You shall not covet

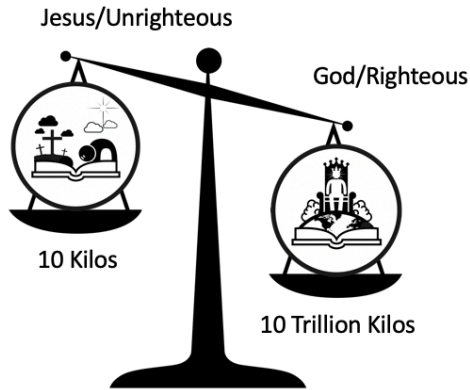


## Unrighteous

Those who dishonor God by disobeying  
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## Righteous

Perfectly Right, Without Sin, Honorable

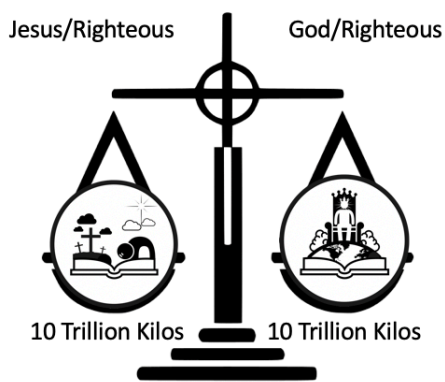


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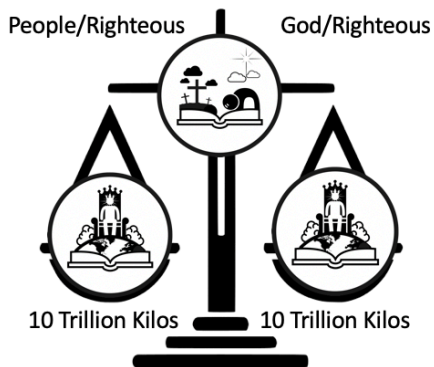
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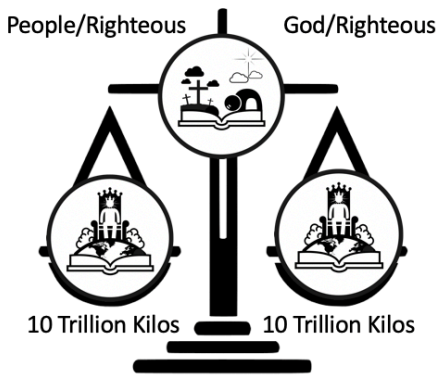
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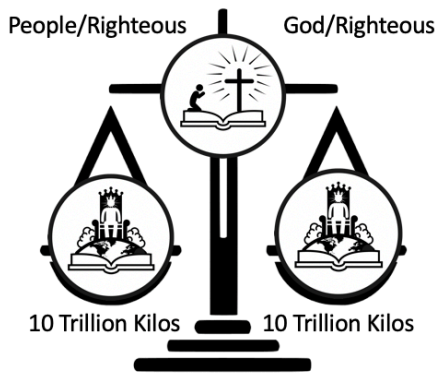
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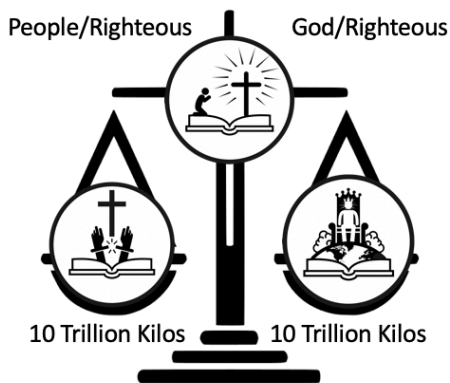
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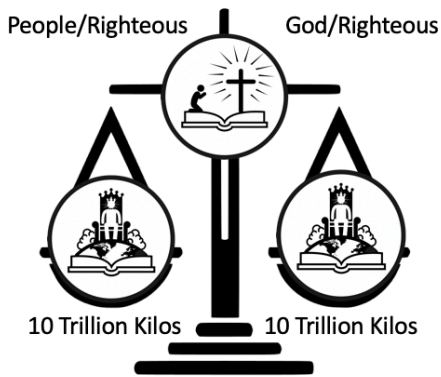
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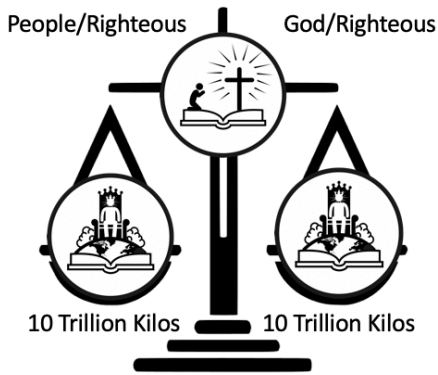
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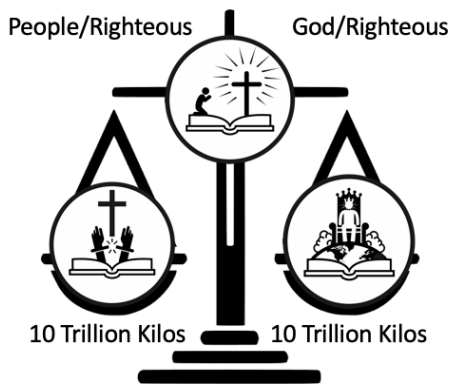
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Through faith in Jesus perfect life, death, and resurrection has meets the standard of God's righteousness and brings honor to God. Jesus gives salvation from shame and separation and restores our Honor.



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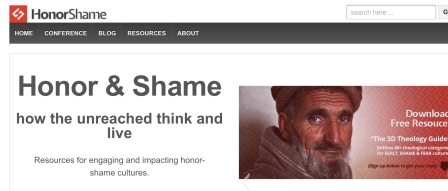
# Lesson 3: Contextualizing and Seeing Honor/Shame In the Gospel

## Book Recommendations on Contextualization:

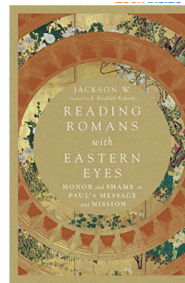
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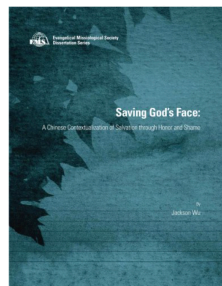
[www.honorshame.com](http://www.honorshame.com) by Jason Georges



“Reading Romans through Eastern Eyes” – by Jackson Wu



“Saving God’s Face” – by Jackson Wu



Many missiologist (those who live and study missions) have been writing on the subject of contextualization and how we see themes and especially emphasize themes in the scriptures based on our cultural and theological backgrounds. Let's look below at the chart of the 3 main themes that some missiologist' identify as cultural themes of interpretation as well as application depending the culture we are from and live in. We see all 3 themes all over the scriptures.

Culture	Theme	Definition	Bible Verses
Western: North America, Great Britain, Europe	Guilt, Innocence	Guilt= breaking laws, <b>legal or judiciary term</b> . Guilt receives punishment. Innocence= obeying laws, legal or judiciary term. Innocence receives reward.	<a href="#">Deuteronomy 32:3&amp;4</a> <a href="#">Isaiah 59:2</a>
Middle Eastern/Eastern: Africa, Arab Countries, Asian Cultures, South America	Honor/Shame	Honor= respected highly, prized and valued. Usually includes high authority and responsibility given or earned. <b>Kingdom and authority term</b> . Usually involves being a part of an honored group or family. Can be earned or given. Shame= dishonor, to lose face, to lose respect. To be rejected from a high status and/or group.	<a href="#">1 Samuel 2:8</a> <a href="#">Revelation 4:11</a>  <a href="#">Isaiah 45:16</a> <a href="#">Isaiah 45:16</a> <a href="#">Jeremiah 17:13</a> <a href="#">Romans 10:11</a>
Asian Cultures: Africa, China, India, Parts of South America	Power/Fear	Power= authority, strength, control. <b>Kingdom and authority term</b> . Fear= Terror, to worry and believe something bad will happen in the future. Afraid of danger. Fear comes with lack of power or control.	<a href="#">1 Chronicles 29:11</a>

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## What is Honor/Shame?

When reading the Bible, we see many different repetitive (things we see over and over again) themes when looking at God’s story and his amazing plan of salvation. One of the huge themes that we see in the scriptures is honor and shame. So, let’s define honor and shame and then we can see how it helps us get a fuller more rounded understanding of the Gospel of Jesus and God’s story.





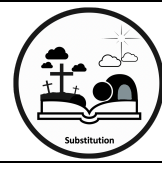



### Definitions:

<p><b><u>Honor</u></b></p> <p>Achieved</p> <p>Ascribed</p>	<p>Glory=weight, heavy, fullness, highest respect, price= what we value, or what is worth the most to us, used of a King having the highest respect and authority. When God is honored, he is trusted, respected, valued, obeyed, and loved above all. When people are honored, they are put into a place of respect and authority where others look up to them. Honor includes being included into a group or family that is also honored and respected.</p>
<p><b><u>Shame</u></b></p>	<p>To lose face (turn face away), blush (face turn red) in embarrassment and fear. To be confused, disappointed and without hope. Shame has a lot to do with relational rejection from a person of honor and from a collective group or family. Shame can include losing respect and honor from God and/or others.</p>

### Why look for honor/shame and teach it?

Since I have been a missionary and learning how to better help those who I am ministering to understand the Gospel (Good News of Jesus) in a cultural context that is far different than my own, I have been studying how to contextualize and preach the gospel in a way that my hearers can understand while staying true to the teachings of scripture. I have been seeing this in scripture as I have been challenged from other missionaries and reading books, blogs, and experiencing firsthand conversations on the theme of honor and shame within certain cultural contexts. As I have been challenged to understand and look for this theme, I have been seeing it all over the pages of scripture and it has been really helping me see more fully the beauty of the gospel. Since we are right here in the North Africa/Middle East area of the world it is important to see how these cultures read scripture and which parts of the good news sticks out to them. I also have been pastoring an Asian church made up of people from India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka and have been seeing the Honor/Shame theme and expounding on that perspective as I have been pastoring and living in this part of the world.

## Seeing Honor/Shame in the Gospel

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STANDARD</b></p> <p>God is king and creator and is the standard of all that is honorable &amp; good. He is the most powerful being and deserves to be honored as Lord/God and King. We should love, respect, and obey God above any other because He should be number one in our lives.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Revelation 4:11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SIN</b></p> <p><b>Sin means to miss the mark or to fall short.</b> We as people miss the mark of always keeping God as #1 in our hearts. We fall short of honoring God and we honor ourselves or others as kings/rulers when we don't love and obey Him fully.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Romans 2:23</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.”</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHAME</b></p> <p><b>To have shame means to lose face (or turn ones face away).</b> Shame involves embarrassment and fear. When our sin and rebellion is exposed/seen by God or others we feel bad and afraid of what might happen. Shame is the fear of losing honor, love, and respect from God and from others. We deserve punishment in eternal shame.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jeremiah 17:13</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to <u>shame</u>; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living water.”</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPARATION</b></p> <p>Because people have dishonored God through disobedience to his commands, they have to be <b>separated</b> from God and his Kingdom. This separation is called death which is physical (body dies), spiritual (relational separation from God), &amp; Eternal (Never Ending in Hell &amp; Lake of Fire).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Isaiah 59:2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.”</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUBSTITUTION</b></p> <p>Jesus was willing to take our sin, shame and separation (death) that we deserve. He became a man so that He might <b>substitute</b> His honorable life, death, and resurrection on our behalf to restore us to an honorable relationship with Him.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1 Peter 3:18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,”</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAVING FAITH</b></p> <p>God reveals that we cannot restore our own honor and be good enough to be saved from shame and death. <b>Saving faith</b> involves following Jesus as Lord God/King &amp; trusting the truth that His life, death, &amp; resurrection has the power to save us.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Romans 10:9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“ Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALVATION</b></p> <p><b>Salvation means deliverance or rescue.</b> God knows that we dishonor Him, but because of His love for us and desire to keep His own honor, he offers salvation. This involves delivering us from shame &amp; separation and rescuing us to restored honorable status as His kingdom children.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Romans 10:11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame’.”</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SANCTIFICATION</b></p> <p><b>Sanctification means to be set apart for a purpose and to be cleaned.</b> Once we trust Jesus and our relationship with Him is restored, we are continually being set apart as honorable children growing up into God's honorable people.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Philippians 1:6</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”</i></p>



