

## Series - The Gospel for All

### The Gospel for the Guilty

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

#### Guilt, Shame and Fear Cultures

The world cultures divided into these major categories

**Guilt-innocent cultures** are individualistic societies where people who break the laws are guilty and seek justice or forgiveness to rectify a wrong

**Shame-honor cultures** describes collectivistic cultures where people are shamed for not fulfilling group expectations and seek to restore their honor before the community

**Fear-power cultures** refers to animistic contexts where people afraid of evil and harm pursue power over the spirit world through magical rituals.

#### Summary

	Guilt	Shame	Fear
Metaphor	Courtroom	Community	Combat
God	Lawgiver and judge	Father and Patron	Ruler and Creator
Sin	Lawbreaker	Disloyalty	Idolatry
Christ	Sacrifice	Mediator	Conqueror
Salvation	Forgiveness	Honor/Face	Peace/Freedom
Mission	Truth	Community	Power

#### Gospel is “good news” for all

Old Testament - Abraham blessed to bless all the families of the Earth

Christ - **Matthew 28:19** make disciples of all nations

Paul - in **Galatians 3:8** - to all nations

John - In **Revelation 5, 13 and 14** “to every tribe and nation”

- **Ephesians 1: Guilt - 7 Shame -5 Fear- 19-21**

#### Today - The Gospel for the Guilt-Innocent Cultures (the smallest group)

Someone has written this group is weird! **Western, Educated,**

Individualistic, Rich and **Democratic.** Some eastern countries are part.

#### I. Fallen Man

**1-3**

##### A. Dead

*Trespases* - crossed the line = Rebellion

*Sin* - missed the mark = Failure to keep perfect standard

Through sin separated from God, **Romans 6:23**

##### B. Disobedient

Conformed to the world system

Children of disobedience, believing the lies of the Devil

##### C. Depraved

Nothing we can do to gain salvation

#### D. Doomed

Condemned already by not believing in Christ - **John 3:18**

#### II. Gracious God (But God)

**4-7**

##### A. He loves us

**God is love 1 John 4:8**

He loved us before we were born

##### B. He made us alive

We are united with Christ in His resurrected life

##### C. He exalted us

He lifted us up with Christ and seated (complete action) us

##### D. He fulfilled His purpose

To show the riches of His grace (It is a gift - not a reward)

#### III. Rich Salvation

**8-10**

##### A. He saved us

By Grace - favor of God /Through Faith -given to us **Rom.10:17**

Not the results of any of our works -We cannot boast

##### B. He formed us to serve

Workmanship (from this word we get the word poem)

Created in Christ **2 Corinthians 5:17** “a new creation”

In the image of Christ **Romans 8:29** who came to serve

##### C. He works through us

We are to abound in good works **2 Corinthians 9:8**

We are to be zealous for good works **Titus 2:14**

#### In the light of the guilt/innocent gospel what must I do?

##### 1. Acknowledge that I have sinned against God

Confess my sins (agree with God)

Recognize that I am dead to God

##### 2. Acknowledge my need of a Savior

Need of forgiveness

Need of new life

##### 3. Believe that Christ died in my place to pay the price

God’s holiness demanded a sacrifice

God gave His son to take my place

##### 4. Believe that His love and grace are sufficient for me

Believe that He calls me to salvation

Confess Him as Lord of my life

##### 5. Confess openly my faith

Believe with my heart, confess with my mouth

Confess Him as the Lord of all my life