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# Shamed

*Study Guide*

New Testament Studies

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A lesson-by-lesson companion for reading, discussion, and written responses.

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Using this guide

Read the corresponding chapter, then work through the themes, arguments, and Scripture references.

Write your responses before discussing the questions with others. Use the application pages to identify a practical next step.

The study material is retained from the existing lecture study guides. Added writing prompts provide space for your own response.

Print at Actual Size / 100% on US Letter paper. Single-sided and double-sided printing are both suitable. Lessons begin on the next available page; no blank pages are inserted.

Reading assignments refer to the September 30, 2026 edition of the companion book. Online lecture links and QR codes are collected at the end.

## LESSON 1

# Pastor John Weaver - Shamed

*Part One of Two*

December 29, 2019

Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 5-21.

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## Major Themes

### Disobedience as the Root of Shame

The primary cause of shame in a believer's life is disobedience to God's commandments. When we fail to keep His statutes, we are confounded and dishonored.

**Lecture support:** Psalm 119:5-6: 'Oh, that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes. Then shall I not be ashamed when I have respect unto all thy commandments.'

### The Deceitful and Depraved Heart

Shame often reveals the depth of our own depravity. When we see our vileness, we begin to understand God's holiness and our need for His grace.

**Lecture support:** Jeremiah 17:9-10 and Isaiah 6:5 are cited to show that the heart is desperately wicked and that seeing God's holiness exposes our uncleanness.

### The Necessity of Diligent Study

Believers should be ashamed of ignorance and lack of study. Studying Scripture is not merely a duty but an endeavor to show oneself approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**Lecture support:** 2 Timothy 2:15: 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

### Shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ

It is possible for believers to be ashamed at Christ's return if they do not abide in Him. Abiding in Christ produces boldness, while failure to abide results in shamefacedness.

**Lecture support:** 1 John 2:28: 'And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.'

### The Scars of Sin and Memory

Even forgiven sins can leave lingering shame through memory. David acknowledged that his sin was ever before him, and believers must continually plead the blood of Christ over past sins.

**Lecture support:** Psalm 51:3: 'For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.'

## **The Contrast Between Boldness and Shame**

The Christian life is marked by a contrast between boldness (confidence) and shame. Boldness comes from abiding in Christ and living in obedience, while shame results from disobedience and lack of conformity to Christ.

**Lecture support:** 1 John 2:28 and 1 John 4:17 are used to show that boldness in the day of judgment is tied to abiding in Christ and living as He lived.

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## **Key Arguments**

### **Shame is directly linked to disobedience to God's law.**

David's prayer in Psalm 119:5-6 establishes that the way to avoid shame is to have one's ways directed to keep God's statutes and to respect all His commandments.

**Lecture support:** Psalm 119:5-6: 'Oh, that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes. Then shall I not be ashamed when I have respect unto all thy commandments.'

### **Both ignorant and presumptuous sins bring shame and require atonement.**

Numbers 15 distinguishes between sins of ignorance and presumption, but both are sin and require atonement. Presumptuous sin is especially shameful because it despises God's word.

**Lecture support:** Numbers 15:27-31 shows that even ignorant sins need atonement, and presumptuous sins bring reproach on the Lord.

### **A sound heart in God's statutes prevents shame.**

Psalm 119:80 teaches that a heart that is whole, sincere, and undefiled in God's law will not be ashamed, implying that an unsound heart leads to disobedience and shame.

**Lecture support:** Psalm 119:80: 'Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.'

### **New Testament believers can be shamed by disobedience and lack of study.**

Paul's desire not to be ashamed in anything (Philippians 1:20) and his instruction to note the disobedient so they may be ashamed (2 Thessalonians 3:14) prove that shame is a New Testament reality.

**Lecture support:** Philippians 1:20 and 2 Thessalonians 3:14 are cited to show that shame is possible for believers.

**Failure to study diligently results in shame and inability to rightly divide Scripture.**

2 Timothy 2:15 commands diligent study to avoid shame. Without such study, one cannot cut a straight line in teaching Scripture, leading to error and destruction.

**Lecture support:** 2 Timothy 2:15: 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

**Unlearned and unstable people wrest Scripture to their own destruction.**

2 Peter 3:16 warns that those who are unlearned and unstable twist the Scriptures, which is a shameful practice that leads to destruction.

**Lecture support:** 2 Peter 3:16: '...which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.'

**Abiding in Christ is the condition for boldness and avoidance of shame at His coming.**

1 John 2:28 commands abiding in Christ so that believers may have confidence and not be ashamed at His appearing. The contrast is between boldness and shamefacedness.

**Lecture support:** 1 John 2:28: 'And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.'

**Boldness in judgment comes from living as Christ lived.**

1 John 4:17 teaches that love made perfect gives boldness in the day of judgment because as Christ is, so are believers in this world. This boldness is the opposite of shame.

**Lecture support:** 1 John 4:17: 'Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.'

## Scripture References

### **Psalm 119:1-8**

The primary text of the sermon, describing the blessedness of the undefiled who walk in God's law and the connection between keeping statutes and not being ashamed.

### **Jeremiah 17:9-10**

Cited to illustrate the deceitfulness and wickedness of the human heart, which is the source of shameful actions.

### **Isaiah 6:5**

Used to show that seeing God's holiness reveals our own uncleanness and leads to shame.

### **Psalm 51:3**

David's acknowledgment that his sin was ever before him, illustrating the lingering memory and shame of past sins.

### **Psalm 25:1-3, 20**

David's prayers not to be ashamed, showing his concern with shame before God and enemies.

### **Psalm 31:1, 17**

Further examples of David praying for deliverance from shame.

### **Psalm 119:9-11**

Explains how a young man can cleanse his way by taking heed to God's word and hiding it in his heart.

### **1 John 3:4**

Defines sin as transgression of the law, supporting the psalm's focus on God's law.

### **Numbers 15:27-31**

Distinguishes between sins of ignorance and presumptuous sins, both requiring atonement, with presumptuous sin bringing reproach on the Lord.

### **Psalm 119:80**

David's prayer for a sound heart in God's statutes so that he would not be ashamed.

### **Philippians 1:20**

Paul's expectation not to be ashamed in anything, indicating that shame is possible for New Testament believers.

### **2 Thessalonians 3:14**

Instruction to note the disobedient and have no company with them so that they may be ashamed.

### **Romans 6:21**

Paul reminds believers that they are now ashamed of the things they did before conversion, proving genuine repentance.

### **2 Timothy 2:15**

Command to study diligently to show oneself approved unto God, a workman not needing to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### **2 Peter 3:15-16**

Warning that unlearned and unstable people wrest Paul's writings and other Scriptures to their own destruction.

### **1 John 2:28**

Exhortation to abide in Christ so that believers may have confidence and not be ashamed at His coming.

### **Hebrews 4:12-13**

All things are naked and open before God, illustrating the exposure and potential shame before Him.

### **Revelation 3:17-18**

The Laodicean church is described as wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked, and counseled to buy white raiment to cover the shame of nakedness.

### **Revelation 16:15**

Blessing on those who watch and keep their garments, lest they walk naked and their shame be seen.

### **1 John 4:17**

Love made perfect gives boldness in the day of judgment because as Christ is, so are believers in this world.

## Discussion Questions

1. In what ways have you experienced shame over your attitudes, actions, or words, and how did you respond?

**Consider:** Weaver opens by asking if listeners have ever been ashamed or confronted with 'Shame on you.'

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2. How does seeing the depth of your own depravity help you appreciate God's holiness and grace?

**Consider:** Weaver discusses Jeremiah 17:9-10 and Isaiah 6:5, showing that awareness of sin leads to seeing God's glory.

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3. What is the difference between sins of ignorance and presumptuous sins, and why are both shameful?

**Consider:** Based on Numbers 15:27-31, Weaver explains that both require atonement, but presumptuous sin despises God's word.

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**4.** What does it mean to have a 'sound heart' in God's statutes, and how can we cultivate it?

**Consider:** From Psalm 119:80, Weaver defines a sound heart as whole, sincere, and undefiled, leading to freedom from shame.

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**5.** In what ways might you be ashamed at Christ's return, and how can abiding in Christ prevent that?

**Consider:** 1 John 2:28 warns that failure to abide results in shame at His appearing; abiding produces boldness.

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**6.** How can we study Scripture 'as unto God' rather than out of mere duty or curiosity?

**Consider:** Weaver challenges listeners to examine their study motives, emphasizing that study should be for God's approval.

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7. What are some practical ways to ensure we are 'rightly dividing the word of truth' and not wresting Scripture?

**Consider:** 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Peter 3:16 are used to warn against twisting Scripture due to lack of study.

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8. How does the imagery of nakedness in Hebrews 4:13 and Revelation 3:17-18 affect your understanding of shame before God?

**Consider:** Weaver uses these passages to illustrate that everything is exposed before God, and we need Christ's covering.

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## Applications

### **Examine your life for areas of disobedience that cause shame.**

Weaver calls believers to recognize that disobedience to God's commandments is the root of shame and to repent of specific sins.

**Lecture support:** Psalm 119:5-6 shows that keeping God's statutes prevents shame.

### **Cultivate a sound heart through God's Word.**

Believers should seek to have a whole, sincere heart in God's statutes by hiding His Word in their hearts and walking in His ways.

**Lecture support:** Psalm 119:80 and Psalm 119:9-11 emphasize the need for a sound heart and cleansing through God's Word.

### **Study Scripture diligently as unto the Lord.**

Instead of studying out of duty or curiosity, believers should exert themselves mightily in study to gain God's approval and rightly divide the truth.

**Lecture support:** 2 Timothy 2:15 commands diligent study to avoid shame.

### **Abide in Christ daily to have boldness at His coming.**

Weaver urges believers to remain in Christ, conforming their lives to His, so that they will not be ashamed when He appears.

**Lecture support:** 1 John 2:28 and 1 John 4:17 link abiding in Christ with boldness in the day of judgment.

### **Be ashamed of ignorance and lack of doctrinal understanding.**

Christians should be ashamed if they cannot explain basic doctrines or if they neglect to grow in knowledge of God's attributes and truth.

**Lecture support:** Weaver points out that many cannot explain justification, imputation, or God's attributes, and that this ignorance is shameful.

### **Plead the blood of Christ over past sins that haunt your memory.**

Even forgiven sins can bring shame through memory; believers should continually apply the cleansing blood of Christ to those memories.

**Lecture support:** Psalm 51:3 shows David's sin was ever before him, and Weaver encourages pleading the blood over past sins.

**Note and separate from persistently disobedient believers to provoke godly shame.**

Following 2 Thessalonians 3:14, the church should lovingly withdraw fellowship from those who disobey Scripture, so that they may be ashamed and repent.

**Lecture support:** 2 Thessalonians 3:14 instructs to note the disobedient and have no company with them that they may be ashamed.

**Live in the light of Christ's return, keeping your garments unspotted.**

Weaver warns that at Christ's coming, some will be exposed in their spiritual nakedness; believers should keep their garments by abiding in Christ.

**Lecture support:** Revelation 16:15 blesses those who watch and keep their garments, lest they walk naked and see shame.

## Study notes

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## Personal Application and Notes

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## LESSON 2

# Pastor John Weaver - Shamed

*Part Two of Two*

January 17, 2020

Read Chapter 2 in the companion book, pages 23-37.

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## Major Themes

### **Boldness in the Gospel**

Believers must never be ashamed of the gospel, regardless of persecution, because it is God's power for salvation.

**Lecture support:** Weaver expounds Romans 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 4:9-13 to show Paul's suffering and his unashamed stance.

### **Gratitude for God's Provision**

Christians should be thankful for all provision, recognizing that God faithfully sustains His people even in famine.

**Lecture support:** Stories of Richard Wurmbrand and Harlan Popov illustrate thankfulness for food after eating rats in prison.

### **Solidarity with Persecuted Believers**

It is shameful to abandon imprisoned Christians; believers should actively support them as Onesiphorus did for Paul.

**Lecture support:** 2 Timothy 1:8, 16-18 is cited, along with modern examples like Lester Roloff and Everett Sileven.

### **Joy in Righteous Persecution**

Suffering for Christ is a cause for rejoicing, not shame, as it identifies believers with the prophets and promises heavenly reward.

**Lecture support:** Matthew 5:10-12 and 1 Peter 4:16 are quoted to command rejoicing and glorifying God in persecution.

## Unashamed Confession of Christ

Because Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren, we must never be ashamed to confess Him as Lord, our only hope.

**Lecture support:** Hebrews 2:11 and Romans 9:33; 10:11 are used to show Christ's identification with us and our resulting confidence.

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## Key Arguments

### The gospel's power outweighs all shame

Paul endured extreme persecution but remained unashamed because the gospel is God's dynamite for salvation.

**Lecture support:** Weaver details Paul's sufferings from 1 Corinthians 4:9-13 and links it to Romans 1:16.

### Thankfulness is learned through hardship

Experiencing deprivation teaches believers to appreciate God's provision, no matter how simple.

**Lecture support:** The accounts of Wurmbrand and Popov eating rats in prison are contrasted with American abundance.

### Imprisonment does not imply guilt

Many Christians are imprisoned for violating man's laws (*mala prohibita*), not God's moral law (*mala in se*).

**Lecture support:** Weaver explains the Latin terms and cites John Bunyan, Lester Roloff, and Everett Sileven as examples.

### Persecution is a mark of godly living

All who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution, but this should lead to glorifying God, not shame.

**Lecture support:** 2 Timothy 3:12 and 1 Peter 4:16 are directly quoted to establish the inevitability and proper response.

### Christ's identification with us removes our shame

Jesus is not ashamed to call us brethren despite our sin, so we must never be ashamed to call Him Lord.

**Lecture support:** Hebrews 2:11 is highlighted as an astounding truth that should produce bold confession.

## Scripture References

### **Psalm 119:1-8**

Read at the opening as the text for the series on being shamed.

### **Psalm 119:80**

Cited to show that a sound heart in God's statutes prevents shame.

### **2 Thessalonians 3:14**

Referenced from last week's message on being ashamed of disobedience.

### **2 Timothy 2:15**

Quoted to emphasize study and rightly dividing the word to avoid shame.

### **1 John 2:28**

Used to show that abiding in Christ gives confidence at His coming, avoiding shame.

### **1 John 4:17**

Explained as the way to have boldness in judgment by being conformed to Christ.

### **Romans 1:16**

Central text for not being ashamed of the gospel; expounded in detail.

### **1 Corinthians 1:23**

Cited to show the gospel as a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Greeks.

### **1 Corinthians 4:9-13**

Read to illustrate the apostles' sufferings and why Paul was not ashamed.

### **1 Timothy 1:15**

Quoted to show Paul as the chief sinner saved by the gospel's power.

### **2 Timothy 1:12**

Cited to reinforce Paul's unashamed confidence in Christ.

### **John 14:6**

Used to assert Jesus as the only way to the Father.

**Mark 8:38**

Warning that if we are ashamed of Christ, He will be ashamed of us.

**Psalms 37:19**

Promise that the righteous will not be ashamed in evil times or famine.

**Acts 14:17**

God's witness through provision of rain, seasons, food, and gladness.

**Psalms 37:25**

David's testimony that he has never seen the righteous forsaken or begging bread.

**2 Timothy 1:8**

Command not to be ashamed of the testimony or of Paul as a prisoner.

**2 Timothy 1:16-18**

Onesiphorus' example of not being ashamed of Paul's chains.

**2 Timothy 3:12**

Promise that all who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution.

**1 Peter 4:16**

Command not to be ashamed if suffering as a Christian, but to glorify God.

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# Discussion Questions

1. What are some modern situations where Christians might be tempted to be ashamed of the gospel, and how can Romans 1:16 encourage us?

**Consider:** Weaver emphasizes that Paul was not ashamed despite severe persecution.

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2. How can we cultivate a heart of gratitude for daily provision, even when it seems meager?

**Consider:** Stories of Wurmbrand and Popov illustrate thankfulness learned through hardship.

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3. In what practical ways can we support persecuted Christians, both abroad and in our own communities?

**Consider:** Weaver cites Onesiphorus and modern examples of imprisoned believers.

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4. How should we distinguish between suffering for our own foolishness and suffering for righteousness' sake?

**Consider:** 1 Peter 4:16 and Matthew 5:10-12 are used to define righteous persecution.

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5. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is not ashamed to call you His brother or sister?

**Consider:** Hebrews 2:11 is presented as an astounding truth that should produce boldness.

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# Applications

## Boldly share the gospel

Believers should proclaim the gospel without shame, trusting in its power to save.

**Lecture support:** Weaver expounds Romans 1:16 and Paul's example of enduring persecution.

## Practice gratitude for all provision

Thank God for every meal, recognizing His faithful care even in scarcity.

**Lecture support:** The stories of Wurmbrand and Popov show thankfulness for food after eating rats.

## Support imprisoned believers

Actively correspond with, visit, and pray for Christians in prison for their faith.

**Lecture support:** 2 Timothy 1:16-18 and modern examples like Roloff and Sileven are cited.

## Rejoice in persecution

When suffering for Christ, glorify God and remember the prophets' example.

**Lecture support:** Matthew 5:12 commands rejoicing, and 1 Peter 4:16 commands glorifying God.

## Confess Christ unashamedly

Publicly acknowledge Jesus as Lord, knowing He is not ashamed of us.

**Lecture support:** Hebrews 2:11 and the hymn 'Am I a Soldier of the Cross?' are used to motivate confession.

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## Personal Application and Notes

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## Online Lecture Resources

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### **Lesson 1: Pastor John Weaver - Shamed - Part One of Two**

Lecture JW01559

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Lecture JW01561

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