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“Luther’s Christian Anthropology as Pastoral Care for the Wounds of Shame”

Wounds brought about by sin and guilt have been extensively explored in various Christian theologies of grace and pastoral counseling methods. Various Christian anthropologies have been criticized for relying too heavily on Western (Augustinian) notions of sin and guilt in their construction. In contrast, the wounds of shame have been relatively underexplored, in Christian anthropology, pastoral care, and missions. The Eastern approach of reading both the Scriptures and human life (anthropology) through an honor/ shame, rather than sin/ guilt, hermeneutic opens new opportunities for missiological engagement with honor/ shame cultures and individuals. I will utilize and bring into conversation such distinct methods as 12-step recovery program philosophy (AA), anthropological/ cultural studies on shame, systematic theological reflection on shame (Jackson Wu, Paavo Kettunen, Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, ), a theology of the cross centered on shame, and Martin Luther’s doctrine of “simul iustus et peccator” (simultaneously righteous and sinner). In offering a reconstructed Christian anthropology which takes into account shame, this paper will make a modest, innovative, synthetic contribution to a mission theology addressing the wounds of shame. In doing so, it will offer a hopeful, transformative vision of “progress, not perfection” for those recovering and healing from the wounds of shame, whether individually or collectively, grounded in the salvific work of Christ who “endured the cross, scorning its shame (Heb. 12:2).”

#### RESOURCES:

AA Big book; Luther on “simul”

Jayson Georges, *The 3D Gospel: Ministry in Guilt, Shame, and Fear Cultures*.

Paavo Kettunen, “Syyllisyys vai hengellinen häpeä?” *Teologinen aikakauskirja* 106 (2011), 125-138.

Joonas Riikonen, “Häpeä teologisena ja kristillistä ihmiskäsitystä koskevana kysymyksenä” *Teologinen aikakauskirja* (2019), 210-222.

Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ*.

V-M Kärkkäinen, *Creation and Humanity: A Constructive Christian Theology for the Pluralistic World*,

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