

TH502 – Theology in Global Context
Tennent Chapter Five Interaction Paper
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Summary of Chapter

- Western culture is guilt/loss of innocence based and Eastern culture is shame/loss of face based.
- Guilt based is internal focus and it is about moral failure. Vs Shame based is based on external pressure.
- Thus, often in Western Christianity emphasized more on feeling of guilt and the baggage that comes with it. And since it is a matter of individual guilt, the salvation and journey of faith is individualist.
- However, bible stories in OT: Adam and Eve, Jacob and Joseph, and Mordecai and Haman, all echo the concept of shame and honor. in NT as well, Jesus was mocked and humiliated publicly as He was being crucified for our sins.

Key Learning/Questions

- How can I effectively communicate both aspects of guilt and shame? God cared for us very personal and intimate, and there is also aspect of fellowship and community of our salvation.

Missional implications

- There is also downside to being too shame/honor focus eg. Asian culture, where children are being pressured and lost their ability to express or process their thought freely.