

## Tiffany Black| Chapter 4 Summary and Reflection

Tennent in Chapter 4 illustrates the societal factors of shame and guilt both from the Far East and Western perspective. Korea and Islamic countries are highlighted when looking at guilt from a Far East perspective. In order to reveal how these two cultural norms are very much active and alive, Tennent views them both from an anthropological and theological lens. Analysis of “shame -based” and “guilt-based” cultures are then examined, through a biblical perspective. Next, we look at how various global cultures and how conformity of guilt and shame can often lead to internalized ideals of right and wrong. Tennent then uses a large portion of the chapter to look at both guilt and shame in the Old and New Testament and gives meaning and insight into how the Christ and the cross factor into both guilt and shame.

The biggest learning impact for me is that how even as Christians who believe in Christ and the cross and all that it represents one’s cultural can have vast impact on how one views themselves in terms of shame and guilt. As believers we should first and foremost look to the Christ and the cross knowing that in his conquering sin and death – shame and guilt were defeated. However culturally if one makes a mistake that is “shame-based” instead of looking to Christ and the cross would one instead looking at their guilt through the lens of their cultural misconception. My question is as a believer would you bend more to Christ or culture; after all you cannot serve two masters.

Christianity is a global religion that is rapidly spreading through the continents and among various individuals who have varying societal and cultural norms. As its missional impact rapidly multiplies it will be interesting to see how cultures that still

across various continents with individuals with similar and that has impact throughout the world

this class is teaching that the impact is has global impact however in

Anthropologist Ruth Benedict

By looking at guilt and shame through an anthropological vantage point shows

Shame orientation is particularly dominant in Asia