

# QA: It Seems That Today, Anything Goes ... Does It? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

## QUESTION: It seems that today, anything goes ... does it?

ANSWER: People have "departed from the faith" so that they are "speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1-2). Thus, they feel no "shame" for anything they do!

#### 1. Shame In Nakedness.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2:24-25)

God created Adam, then Eve, and this was the first and last time that nakedness was of no concern. A heterosexual marriage relationship should be so open, a husband and wife "become one flesh." Since sin entered the world, and Adam and Eve were put out of the Garden of Eden, "shame" has always been associated with nakedness outside of marriage. "None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD" (Leviticus 18:6). God's people sinned, so God would "uncover your skirts over your face, That your shame may appear" (Jeremiah 13:25-26). To be naked in public is shameful!

#### 2. Shame In Sins.

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." - Jesus, Mark 7:21-23

Jesus is showing that sin is a heart matter, not completely from the outside influence of neighborhood, city, country, or friends! Half of this list is not in the 10 Commandments, so keeping the 10 Commandments will not save anyone today! People commit murders, adulteries, fornications, or thefts, or blaspheme God because their heart is evil! Christians must: "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12). God's Word does not dwell in an evil heart, so "walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us" (Ephesians 5:2).

### 3. God Condemned The Shameless.

"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the LORD. (Jeremiah 6:15)

It not "the cool," but the "condemned" who cannot blush!

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