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**Whoever is Ashamed of Me...**

The blush of embarrassment, the reddening cheek, have you ever wondered at the power of it? Our lives, when all is said and done, can be summarized in what we held firm to in the end, and what we let slip for fear or shame. The wonder may be nowhere more pronounced than in the words of Jesus, "Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels" (Luke 9:26).

Try to imagine it.....The day has come suddenly, like a thief in the night. The angels, too numerous to count, too wonderful to anticipate, too "other" to feel at ease among, now encompass the earth. Some surround Christ, blazing as forest fires. Others bellow loud praises to God and to the Lamb. Still others flash forth as lightning, blowing trumpets and summoning the world to account.

And then you see Him. The King of kings, the Lord of lords draped in the glory of His Father. Charioting the clouds, He approached the world of men. He is adorned in blinding light, dressed for war, a sword protruding from His mouth. The great Spectacle, the great Reckoner, the One by whom and for whom all exists docks his boat upon the shore. The eyelids of this world will pull back. Every eye will see Him - even those who pierced Him. All activity apart from Him will stop. Atheism and paganism and false religion will cease to be. He has come.

In this landscape filled with angels, God and men, slumped between the true saints and the brazen unrepentant, will be those who knew enough to truly follow Him, but never did: the blushers.

They knew Jesus to be who He said He was, but they did not own Him. They visited Him only at night, but wouldn't appear with Him in the daylight. When the question was put to them before men, those they admired or feared, they could not speak. They kept what they took to be their personal convictions and would not confess Him. They lived ashamed of Him and now Jesus is ashamed of them before His Father and this heavenly assembly. They denied Him and now they are denied (2 Timothy 2:11-13)."Depart from me, you cursed," He will say, "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41).

Some can't imagine being ashamed of our Lord or denying Him. But in case we think ourselves beyond this temptation, saying in our hearts to Christ, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." (Mark 14:29), may we remember that the rock, Peter, nearly shattered beyond mending at this quake.

Most of us face a soothing slope of small denials. We deny Him in peaceful conversations around fires. Our embarrassment is the fixed blush on the cheek, the accumulation of small moments in which we harmlessly choose love for reputation, love for esteem, love for ease, for money, for our own lives, over the love of Christ and love for souls. We don't speak of Jesus, we take the path of less awkwardness, we fit in more with unbelieving friends and coworkers. We believe true things about Jesus, just not that He is worth following at any cost.

It wasn't that the blushers cared nothing for Jesus nor disbelieved what He claimed. It's just that when other loves were threatened, they thought it best to keep things to themselves and not go too far.

Resolve now, God helping you, to live for Christ and nothing but Christ—no matter the cost. Don't blush to speak His name or to stand by every word He has spoken. For what does it profit a man to amass the whole world - and if having them all, Christ is ashamed of him?





# WHOSEVER

A SERIES BY PASTOR R. SCOTT HOCKER  
SUNDAYS @ 10:40AM & WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

Desert Hills Baptist Church  
**FAMILY**  
We have to see just that!  
Come & join us for a Night of Fun!

## SKATE NIGHT

Skate Night at the Crystal Palace  
4550 Boulder Hwy, Las Vegas, NV 89121  
Tuesday, March 30th  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

\* We are looking for all of the DHBC ministers for Family Night  
Please see Lana Sanchez for more information



Go to our website and check it out!  
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Desert Hills Baptist Church  
**MIXED ADULTS BIBLE STUDY**  
SATURDAYS @ 12:00 PM  
Led by Judy Bowen

**We are studying the book of Colossians**

\* Please Bring a Snack Lunch!

The staff of Desert Hills Baptist Church is committed to being available to assist you. If you have a general or specific need, please contact us through the church website or telephone.

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Sermon Notes

## CELEBRATE EASTER

Easter Sunday is one of our busiest Sundays of the year here at Desert Hills Baptist Church and there are a few things that we need to be very conscience of.

Pastor Scott is requesting that our members sit toward the center of the row so that visitors and others coming in don't have to crawl over us to get to their seats.

Also, please park on the outer edges of our campus, so that our visitors may have the parking spaces that are closest to the church building.

Unfortunately there are many people that only come to church on Easter, let's give them a reason to want to come back more than that.

Thank you for your effort in this request and don't forget that we are having Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am.

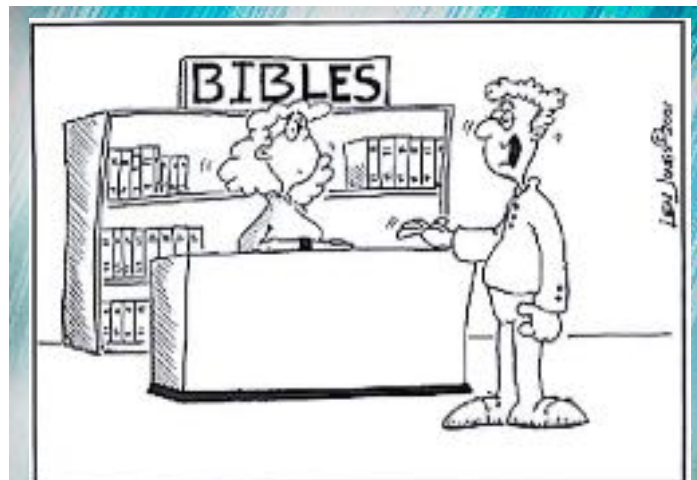
We look forward to seeing you, and then returning for our Sunday School and Worship Celebration at our regular times.

**GOT A HURT, HABIT OR HANG-UP?**

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
A CHRISTIANITY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Fridays at 5:30 pm

**Reminder.....**  
**Please be sure that all calls to Pastor go through the office.**



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

at DHBC  
Don't let God & man GET INVOLVED!

**Sunday 3/21**  
8:30 am  
\* Choir / Music Practice  
9:30 - 10:30 am  
\* Sunday School - ALL Ages  
10:40 am  
\* Youth Led Service  
\* Worship  
\* Children's Worship  
\* Nursery

**Wednesday 3/24**  
5:30 pm  
\* Prayer Warriors Meet  
6:30 pm  
\* Worship Service  
\* Youth Bible Study

**Friday, 3/26**  
1:00 - 2:30 pm  
\* Food Pantry  
5:30 pm  
\* Celebrate Recovery

**Saturday, 3/27**  
9:30 am  
KKVV 1060 am  
"The Unashamed"  
10:00 am  
\* Church Wide Clean Up Day  
12:00 pm  
\* Mixed Bible Study  
5:00 pm  
\* Choir Rehearsal

COVID-19

### Community UPDATE

**DHBC Protocol Reminder**

If you have been in contact recently with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, please quarantine yourself for 14 days. Please let us know and we will see you upon your return!

### Desert Hills Office Hours

**Mon, Tues, Thurs**  
10:00am - 4:00 pm  
**Wednesday**  
12:00 - 5:30 pm  
**Friday**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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