

Discussion & Reflection Questions

Kaleidoscope of Grace Week 5

Read: Colossians 3:1-11

(For extra blessings read Colossians 2:16-23 & Colossians 3:12-4:18)

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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1. What do you think Paul means in verse 2 when he says “set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth”?
2. How do you think the poor behaviour of those who belong to the church impacts on the message & power of grace?
3. Have you ever dismissed the seemingly gracious acts of another person because of what you know about their character or their past?
4. What do you think being clothed with the new self means? What would being clothed in grace look like in your everyday life?
5. Verse 11 is the categorisation of Paul’s time. How do we categorise people today?
6. For the grace that you show & share to be authentic, what needs to change?
7. Have you learned anything new about grace during this series?

Prayer

Almighty God,
whose beloved Son for our sake
willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross:
give us courage and patience
to take up our cross daily and follow him;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.