

Text: Colossians 1:22
Topic: Regeneration. Grace.
Series: The Book of Colossians

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When Frogs Become Princes ^{part 2}

Living In Light of Implausible Love



1. Revel _____

2. Never _____

3. Live _____

Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. If you are a Christian, compare and contrast some of the differences in your life since God "reconciled" you to himself.

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-17. Notice the connection between Paul's outburst of gratitude and worship in v.17 and the sobering truths presented in vv.15-16. Write out your own expression of worship while pondering how Christ graciously reached out to save you from the penalty of your sin.

2. Becoming a Christian is the ultimate fresh start. Describe some of the subsequent fresh starts and new beginnings Christ has graciously granted you *since* you became a Christian.
3. How does the realization that the forgiveness of your sin cost a real person real pain change your attitude toward temptations you currently face?

How would you respond to a person who claims that he is going to do something that is disobedient to Christ because he knows God is gracious and will forgive him?

4. How does an understanding of the legal or positional holiness imputed by the life and death of Jesus motivate you to live a life that *is* holy in practice?

Read Ephesians 4:1. Identify and describe one area of your life that is not worthy of the noble calling you have as a child of the King. What specifically will you do to change this?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Gen.28-29 & Mt. 14

Monday

Gen.30-31 & Mt. 15

Tuesday

Gen.32-33 & Mt. 16

Wednesday

Gen.34-35 & Mt. 17

Thursday

Gen.36-37 & Mt. 18

Friday

Gen.38-39 & Mt. 19

Saturday

Gen.40-41 & Mt.20