

GRACE IMMERSION

WEEK 5

Grace-Inspired Change

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his children through Jesus Christ... EPHESIANS 1:3-5A

Signs of a grace inspired life:

1.

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! EPHESIANS 1:3A [THE MESSAGE]

I can always be grateful for:

GOD'S GRACE: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace... EPHESIANS 1:7

GOD'S PEOPLE: I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. EPHESIANS 1:16

GOD'S SPIRIT: I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. EPHESIANS 3:16-17A

GOD'S LOVE: And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. EPHESIANS 3:17B-19

GOD'S GREATNESS: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. EPHESIANS 3:20-21

2.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you... EPHESIANS 1:18A

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. EPHESIANS 4:1

3.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children... EPHESIANS 5:1A

A few family traits:

LOVE: ...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. EPHESIANS 5:1B-2

GRACIOUSNESS: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. EPHESIANS 4:2

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. EPHESIANS 5:21

CHARITY: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. EPHESIANS 4:32

COMMUNITY: It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. EPHESIANS 4:11-12

MATURITY: ...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. EPHESIANS 4:13-15

PURITY: But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. EPHESIANS 5:3

Grace Immersion: 50 Days of Grace

This 7-week series on grace ties into our book of daily meditations, **Grace Immersion**, available at the Grace table in the lobby. If you'd like to be in a Grace Immersion small group, lists of open groups are also available there or online at www.tlc.org.

Here's an overview of where we've been and where we're going:

Week 1: Rediscovering Grace

Week 2: Fighting for Grace

Week 3: Why Grace?

Week 4: The Tensions of Grace

» Week 5: Grace-Inspired Change

Week 6: Ripple Effects of Grace

Week 7: The Wonders of Grace

Daily Meditations

For daily readings tied into this weekend's message, please pick up a Grace Immersion book in the lobby, or go online to www.GraceImmersion.com



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