

LIVING IN **GOSPEL UNITY**

September 25, 2022, **10:45AM**

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always,
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

—Proverbs 28:13-14

GATHERING

Call to Worship

God's love is extravagant!

God pours out self-sacrificial love as a cleansing balm for our weary souls.

God's love is healing!

God's healing love soothes and comforts us.

God's love is generous!

God continually reaches out for us and helps us throughout all our lives.

God's love is transformative!

God justifies us through faith in Jesus Christ and shapes us as His people.

Thanks be to God for such extravagant, healing, generous, and transformative love.

AMEN. Let us worship in the goodness and grace of our God revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Grace

Who You Say I Am

LISTENING

Welcome and Greeting

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Same God

Sermon

The Marks of a Crossover Christian | Galatians 2:11-20

Aaron Williams

RESPONDING

Holy Water

Benediction

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The flowers today are given in honor and memory of **Sandra Dahl** by her family.

***The Color of Compromise* | Wednesday Evening Class**

Aaron Williams is leading a 4-week book discussion of Jemar Tisby's narrative of how people of faith have worked against racial justice. Let's dig into *The Color of Compromise* together with the prayer that we move from complicit Christianity to courageous Christianity. In-person and via Zoom (link can be found in the Weekly and Worship Notes).

Coming in October... Bless Big Local!

We have a chance again this fall to bless and be blessed! God is generous with us and calls us to give generously of ourselves to express Jesus' love for our neighbors. Beginning **October 6** let's encourage one another to give of our time and money to bless others in our local community. We're in this together — encouraging financial gifts through Session matching and encouraging time spent serving alongside one another and others in our community. Visit the Bless Big Local page (www.wspc.org/bless-big-local) this October to be involved.

Good Grace

Verse 1

People come together
Strange as neighbours our blood is one
Children of generations
Of every nation of Kingdom come

Chorus

Don't let your heart be troubled
Hold your head up high don't fear no evil
Fix your eyes on this one truth
God is madly in love with you
Take courage hold on be strong
Remember where our help comes from

Verse 2

Jesus our redemption
Our salvation is in His blood
Jesus Light of heaven
Friend forever His Kingdom come

Bridge

Swing wide all you heavens
Let the praise go up as the walls come down
All creation everything with breath repeat the sound
All His children clean hands pure hearts
Good grace good God His Name is Jesus

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Tag

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

Same God

Verse 1

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant
I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

Chorus

Oh God my God I need You
Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

Verse 2

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath but I've got my own giants

Bridge 1

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now
You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now
You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now
You are the same God You are the same God

Bridge 2

You moved in power then God move in power now
You are the same God You are the same God

You were a healer then You are a healer now
You are the same God You are the same God

You were a Savior then You are a Savior now
You are the same God You are the same God

Holy Water

Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You
Oh I need You
Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You
Oh I need You

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)

Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You
Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh

Bridge

I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change

Ending

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water

Welcome

As we continue our study of Galatians, we read in our passage that Paul opposed Peter for his behavior concerning the gentiles. Have you ever opposed a boss or another authority figure (or authoritative institution)? What was the outcome? And if you haven't, was there a time you wanted to?

Worship

As groups or individuals read **Ephesians 4:1-6** and use this passage as a guide to prayer.

- Thank God for His great grace and love.
- Pray for others that they might walk in Grace and be given courage and insight to love, forgive, and reconcile with others well.
- Pray for our church and the church in general that we and they be brought to unity in Christ. Pray against those destroyers of unity, including racism, and that the church would be drawn to humility and hope in Christ.

Word

Read: **Galatians 2:11-20**

1. In the past, God had dramatically led Peter to break Jewish custom by fellowshiping and eating with Gentiles (Acts 11:1-18). What causes Peter to reverse course now?
2. Why did Paul oppose Peter? What was at stake?
3. Are there people in the church that you have not been 'eating with' because they are not 'like you'? What self-righteousness could lie beneath this attitude?
4. When have you been guilty of living by a double standard? How do you communicate (by words and actions) "do as I say and not as I do"?
5. How do we try to justify ourselves by the law? What are some examples of 'the law' in a modern context that we look to for justification from our sins, identity, worth, etc. from?
6. How would you explain verse 16 to a non-Christian, especially one with high moral standards?
7. If you are a self-made person who likes to see everyone pay their own way, how does this gospel of undeserved grace strike you? What is hard about believing it and living it out?
8. In the Christian life, what dies and what gets resurrected? (verses 19-20) How is that made possible?
9. How easy or difficult is it for you to admit that you are a sinner in need of grace? And that you are saved by grace and not your works?
10. How do we live out the spiritual concept given in verse 20? What does it mean by this verse to be fully alive? How then can we bring deadness and aliveness to our life and world?

Witness

1. How does justification by grace through faith relate to racism and other crucial issues in our modern world.
2. How could you motivate yourself, and other Christians, less with guilt and more with the gospel this week?
3. What are one or two crucial ways that you could respond in humility because of grace and not defensiveness this week?

"Paul does not simply say that racism is a sin, which it is. He uses the gospel to show Peter the spiritual roots of the mistake he's making. Paul says the roots of racism are a resistance to the gospel of salvation. Paul did not focus so much on the sinful behavior as on the sinful attitude of self-righteousness that lay beneath it." —Timothy Keller