

# GRACE NOTES

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Series: Colossians—Jesus Is Enough

Message: Alive in Christ (part 1)

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-7

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If we are hesitant to stand for the gospel when the cost may only be ridicule, will we be able to stand when the cost is much higher?

***<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*** (Colossians 2:6-7)

What you believe will inevitably influence how you live.

***He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*** (Colossians 1:13-14)

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## Study Notes:

Share a time when you faced opposition for your faith.

When you hear stories of believers who face persecution for their faith, what do you feel? How do you respond?

According to an ABCNews/Beliefnet poll, 83% of Americans claim to be Christian. How do you believe the church in America would respond to the same kind of persecution faced by believers in other nations?

Thinking back to Sunday’s service, what encouraged you, inspired you, challenged you, or changed your thinking?

How can we help people understand what it means to receive Christ?

In addition to what we can say to people about Jesus, how should our lives help people understand what receiving Christ means?

The statement was made in the message—  
”What you believe will inevitably influence how you live.”

What do you think this means?

How do you think this statement aligns with Grace Fellowship’s mission statement “*Grace Fellowship exists to glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ*”?

How important is it that the Christian faith is anchored in history?

What can a local church do to help people discover confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ?

How does the truth of the Gospel produce thanksgiving in the believer?

What might it say about a person’s life if they rarely or never express gratitude?

How might gratitude enhance your Christian witness?