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April 30, 2023 - Pastor Jarrod Stueve

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- 4) But Grace \_\_\_\_\_ us, changing our hearts, from the inside out.

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- 5) What \_\_\_\_\_ by Grace, through faith, must \_\_\_\_\_ by grace, through faith!
- 6) Two Kinds of Holiness:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Holiness - How I live day to day.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Holiness - I am His, perfected forever in Jesus (never changes)
- 7) God \_\_\_\_\_ us because *He is good*, not because we are!

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- 1) To be \_\_\_\_\_ JUSTIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ means to be declared righteous in the sight of God.
- 2) The LAW is like an X-RAY: It can *reveal* the problem, but is powerless to *fix* it.
- 3) The Law tries to \_\_\_\_\_ CONFORM \_\_\_\_\_ us, changing our works on the outside -
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- 7) God \_\_\_\_\_ BLESSES \_\_\_\_\_ us because *He is good*, not because we are!

**Life Group Homework**  
**For the week of April 30, 2023**

7) What does the following passage mean to you?

**Jeremiah 9:23-26** - "[23] Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; [24] But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD. [25] "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that I will punish all who are circumcised with the uncircumcised-- [26] "Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.""

What do you think it means to be "uncircumcised in the heart"?

**TAKING IT HOME**

- 8) In what way(s) do you most need to apply God's grace to your life or mindset?
- 9) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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**MY STORY**

- 1) What is a Bible verse that has been eye-opening or life-changing for you? Why is it so meaningful?

**QUICK REVIEW**

- 2) Summarize Galatians 2:11-3:3 in eight words or less.
- 3) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

**DIGGING DEEPER**

- 4) This week we learned about *practical vs positional* holiness. Read the verses below, then **decide whether each passage emphasizes practical or positional holiness.**

**2 Corinthians 3:18** - "*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*"

**1 Peter 1:13-15** - "[13] Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; [14] as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; [15] but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,"

**Romans 5:1, 9** - "[1] Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ... [9] Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

**Philippians 3:12** - "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."

**Romans 8:1** - "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

Which of the above passages means the most to you? Why?

5) What stands out to you from the following quote?

*When I stumble or fall, God doesn't get out the eraser and blot out my name from the Book of Life. When you are trying to teach your son or daughter to walk, their stumbling doesn't prompt you to shout, "Get out of here, you brat. You are not my child, falling like that! I disown you." No, you pick up your child and say, "You're all right. Try it again. Come to daddy, now. Come on! Come on!" You encourage your child to try again and again. You are God's child. He is trying to help you to develop a walk with Him. It is comforting to know that when we stumble and fall, He doesn't kick us out. He doesn't disown us. He doesn't say, "You are not My child anymore because you have stumbled!" Instead, He picks us up and dusts us off. He says, "All right now, try again."  
- Chuck Smith, *Why Grace Changes Everything**

6) What stands out to you from the following passages?

**Genesis 15:1-6** - "[1] After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." [2]

But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" [3] Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" [4] And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." [5] Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." [6] And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."

**Genesis 16:1-2** - "[1] Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. [2] So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai."

**Genesis 22:1-2** - "[1] Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." [2] Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.""

In what way(s) did Abraham try to please or serve God in his own strength?

Abraham had two sons - Ishmael (via Hagar) and Isaac (via Sarah). Why do you think God called Isaac Abraham's "only son"?

What are some ways people try to serve God "in the flesh" today? (For example: serving out of obligation, or striving to meet man-made requirements)