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- It  Scripture.
- It  to or  from Scripture.
- It  Scripture.

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- 2) The LAW says, "You need to measure up! You  to love God more!". GRACE says, "Jesus measured up! You  to love God more!"

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- 3) WITHOUT Jesus, you are  in your . WITH Jesus, you have eternal life and forgiveness of your sin.
- 4) POSITIONALLY, you are saved, complete, and forgiven. PRACTICALLY, keep  Jesus.

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- It **CONTRADICTS** Scripture.
- It **ADDS** to or **SUBTRACTS** from Scripture.
- It **REDEFINES** Scripture.

- 1) With faith in Jesus, you are complete in Him! This is yours by grace through faith, not **ACHIEVED** by your **EFFORT**.
- 2) The LAW says, "You need to measure up! You **HAVE** to love God more!". GRACE says, "Jesus measured up! You **GET** to love God more!"

### Verses 11-15 The Legal Ramifications of the Cross

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- 3) WITHOUT Jesus, you are **DEAD** in your **SIN**. WITH Jesus, you have eternal life and forgiveness of your sin.
- 4) POSITIONALLY, you are saved, complete, and forgiven. PRACTICALLY, keep **FOLLOWING** Jesus.

How might these verses help guide you in discerning truth?

Why is it so important to understand the problem of sin?  
What are the dangers of “glossing over” our sin problem?

### GET PRACTICAL

11) This week we read that we are *complete in Christ*. What does the following verse mean to you?

**Galatians 2:20** - "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Is there something you can do differently this week to better allow Christ to live in you?

12) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Life Group Homework For the week of October 29, 2023

### MY STORY

- 1) What would you tell your 18-year-old self?
  
- 2) When you come across a confusing passage in Scripture (or simply want to understand better), what do you do?

Where do you typically find answers to your Bible questions?

### QUICK REVIEW

- 3) How would you summarize Colossians 2:1-15?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What stood out to you from this passage or Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) This week Paul warned us against false teaching. Try to discern which of the following statements are *True*, and which are *False*. If you think it's false, tell us why! (*It's OK if this is a challenge - we are all learning and growing together*)

**T or F** - God hates sin.

**T or F** - The Bible “contains” the word of God.

**T or F** - It is more important to love others with good works, than it is to teach people about sin and salvation.

**T or F** - There have been times in history when all churches were corrupt and wrong.

**T or F** - Scripture’s meaning does not change over time

**T or F** - Feeling *peace* about something means God is supportive of it.

Do you have any questions/comments from these statements?

6) Summarize the following passage in your own words.

**Galatians 1:6-9** - “[6] I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, [7] which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. [8] But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. [9] As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”

How might this passage guide us today?

7) If a friend asked you, “What does it look like to ‘Walk in Christ,’” what would you say?

8) What stands out to you from the following passage?

**1 John 2:3-6** - “[3] Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. [4] He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5] But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. [6] He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

Does this passage give you peace, or fear? Why?

9) If a neighbor asked you why you believe the Bible is true, what would you say? Bonus: If you’re stuck, or want to refresh your memory, check out the following link:

<https://alwaysbeready.com/can-we-trust-the-bible/>

10) What stands out to you from the following passage?

**1 John 1:5-10** - “[5] This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”