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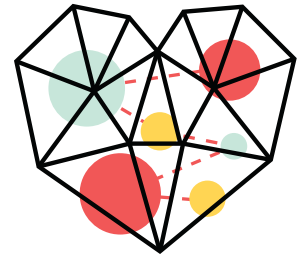
Sunday, March 6, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 8 | **Grounded in Life**

1 Peter 1:3-16; Matthew 22:34-40; Matthews 28:19-20

EFCA Statement of Faith | Article 8. Christian Living

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.



God **SAVES** us *and* **CHANGES** US (1 Peter 1:3-7)

justifying grace

Romans 5:9-11; Romans 4:6-7; 1 Peter 2:24; Titus 3:5

sanctifying power

Romans 6:11-14; Philippians 2:12-13; Heb. 12:1, 14; 2 Peter 1:3-11; 1 Thess. 5:23

“If your faith hasn't CHANGED you, it probably hasn't SAVED you...”

James 2:17; Titus 3:8; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 John 2:3-6, 29; 3:9; 5:18; 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Matthew 7:17-18

to love him **SUPREME**LY (1 Peter 1:8-9, 13-21)

Matthew 22:37-38

“The chief end of man is to glory God and enjoy him forever.” — *Westminster Catechism (1647)*

1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17, 23;

be holy

1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; Exodus 19:6; Deuteronomy 21:8; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Timothy 1:9

and **OTHERS** sacrificially! (1 Peter 1:10-12, 22-25)

Matthew 22:39

care for “one another”

Romans 12:10; 14:13; 15:7; Galatians 5:26; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 5:11, 15; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Peter 4:9

with compassion for the poor, and justice for the oppressed

Deut. 15:11; Psalm 82:3-4; Prov. 14:21, 31; 19:17; James 1:27; Lev. 19:15; Prov. 31:9; Isaiah 1:17; Micah 6:8; Zech. 7:9-10; Luke 4:18

make disciples

Matthew 28:19-20; John 20:21; Revelation 7:9

three resources: *Spirit, Word, Prayer*

Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 3:13; 10:25; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

We are sent

to love people and invite them
to follow Jesus with us.

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

Getting Started

Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.

Are you more likely to act without thinking or to think without acting?

Review...

1. **Read Article 8 of our Statement of Faith aloud as a group.**

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

Digging Deeper

2. **Read James 2:14-18.**
3. **Re-read v.14-18 in a different translation.** What is the correlation between faith and deeds? Can you have one without the other? Do they oppose each other?
 - What happens if you have only faith?
 - What happens if you have only deeds?
4. In **verse 18** is James saying that it is deeds that save us?
5. Charles Spurgeon once said, *"The grace that does not change my life, will not save my soul!"* Do you agree?

6. The Pharisees, who were arguably the most religious people of their time, are an example of having faith but not necessarily a "saving faith." How does Jesus' response to the Pharisees in **Matthew 23** further illustrate how we can have faith but miss the mark on having a saving faith?
7. In contrast to the seven woes we read in Matthew 23, Jesus gave us eight Beatitudes to show how we can live a life that demonstrates authentic faith. **As you read through Matthew 5:1-11**, jot down how the eight Beatitudes differ from the seven woes and then answer the following questions.
 - How would you explain each beatitude to someone who was brand new to Christianity?
 - Which beatitude is most challenging for you to live out in your own life?
 - How do the Beatitudes relate to being "salt and light" in **Matthew 5:13-16**?
8. What do the following verses teach us about the difference between knowledge and obedience according to God?

Luke 6:46-49 1 John 2:3-5 James 2:14-26

Closing

Take some time to pray for one another as you wrap up.

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for 1 Peter 1:13-19 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

13 **Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded,** set your **hope fully** on the **grace** that will **be brought** to you at the **revelation of Jesus Christ**. 14 As **obedient children**, do not **be conformed** to the **passions** of your **former ignorance**, 15 but as he who **called** you is **holy**, you **also be holy** in all your **conduct**, 16 since it is written, "You shall **be holy**, for I am **holy**." 17 And if you **call** on him as **Father** who **judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct** yourselves with **fear throughout** the **time** of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of **Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.