

OCTOBER 25, 2020 | AARON CLOUD

Key Question: Why can't God just ACCEPT me as I am?

Reality: We do not really want God to ACCEPT us as we are.

Cultural Tolerance: An UNDISCERNED & UNCRITICAL acceptance.

Love: A call to truth in Jesus that brings about our true FLOURISHING.

Quick Answer: God is HOLY & we are SINFUL.

- God LOVES you too much to leave you as you ARE.

The Tabernacle was a reminder of:

- God's HOLINESS.
- God's PRESENCE.
- The reality & consequences of Sin: DEATH & SEPARATION from God.

Core Problem: Sin = DEATH & SEPARATION, & we cannot FREE ourselves from it.

Sin taking root:

Personally

- MINIMIZE
- RATIONALIZE
- ACCLIMATIZE

Generationally for Israel

- 1st generation - REVERES God's truth
- 2nd generation - RELAXES God's standards
- 3rd generation - REWRITES according to our standards

The Tabernacle was a foreshadowing of salvation yet to come.

- The offerings were a TEMPORARY, SUBSTITUTIONARY, & SACRIFICIAL ATONEMENT.

Solution: Jesus is the ULTIMATE sacrifice for our sins, once & for all.

Truth: We are not accepted as we are, rather Jesus transforms us into who we were created to be.

The Call: To live as set apart & serving people. [Hebrews 9:14]

Respond & Reflect

- Heart: Is there anything in your life that you are treating CASUALLY that God takes seriously?
- Mind: Read Philippians 4:8 & reflect on what you are FILLING your mind with.
- Will: Reflect on Romans 12:1-2, are there places where you are CONFORMING to the pattern of this world? Where do you need to be transformed in your thinking?

CHILD DEDICATIONS

If you would like to dedicate your child on Sunday, November 15, we invite you to come to a 30 minute meet & greet time after 3rd hour on November 1. You'll hear what is going to happen during the dedications, tell us which hour you prefer & meet the other families who are dedicating children that day. If you are unable to make it to this meeting, please call the office, 692-6671, to schedule your child's dedication.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of GracePoint, or just want to learn more about what we believe, you are encouraged to attend the membership class on November 8 during 3rd service (11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) in The Union. The class will be led by Pastor Aaron. You can sign-up for this class at the Info Desk or send an email to info@gracepointwesleyan.org.

Text-in Options:

- If you would like someone to pray for you, text PRAY to 605-609-1060.
- If you would like to talk with someone about what it means to follow Jesus, text JESUS to 605-609-1060.
- If you would like to volunteer on Sunday mornings in KidsPoint (age 3- 5th grade), text KIDSPPOINT to 605-609-1060.