

Notes from Today's Lesson:

Devotional #1: A Right View of Ourselves

As you look at other people around you, you may think, "I'm not as bad as that person" or, "I'm ok. I do good things for others." When we try to compare ourselves to others or think we just need to be good more often than we are bad, we are fooling ourselves.

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

God's standard is perfection. In God's eyes, what were the Ephesians before they trusted in Jesus, according to verse 1?

Instead of being children of God, what were they according to verse 3?

Children of _____

A right view of ourselves is that we are sinners (Romans 3:23). God is perfect and holy, so He cannot be around sin. We are sinners, so we don't deserve to be around God. But remember:

Read John 3:16

You are loved. Yes you are a sinner, but you are also loved. God loves you and sent His son Jesus to pay for all of your sins. Because of Jesus, you are free from the penalty of sin. You are also no longer children of wrath, but children of God, if you believe in what Jesus did for you.

A right view of yourself is that "you are more wicked than you ever dared believe and yet, you are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than you ever dared hoped." (Tim Keller)

How do you view yourself?

Devotional #2: A Right View of God

As you read in devotional 1, God is perfect and holy, so He cannot be around sin. But also...

Read Ephesians 2:4-7

God is also, _____

How do you see God's love in verses 4-7?

What makes us alive and no longer dead in sin?

Notice that God did not just set us free from the punishment of sin, but "made us alive together with Christ". So because of Jesus, we have a lot more than just our freedom. What else can we get excited about according to verses 6 and 7?

God, out of his love for you, chose to pay the price to allow you to be called His child and for you to become part of His kingdom. Knowing that you are completely loved by God, does that bring you joy?

Grace Kids Devotional:

This is an opportunity for you to go home and continue to learn about the lesson taught in Children's Church. The three devotionals are designed to connect to this week's lesson.

The Challenge:

Complete all three devotionals either as a family or by yourself. If you are by yourself, you will need to write down your answers to verify you did the devotional.

Have your parent or guardian sign below, verifying you completed each devotional. Each devotional is to be done on a separate date (for example, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday).

The Reward:

Return this portion of your notes to Children's Church on the following Sunday and you will receive one Grace Buck per devotional (so you can earn up to 3 Grace Bucks for doing all three)

(Week of June 21)

Name: _____

Devotional #1

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #2

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #3

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

**Devotional #3: Salvation By
Grace Alone Through Faith**

Alone

Having a right view of yourself, as we talked about in devotional 1, includes knowing that you cannot save yourself.

Having a right view of God, as we talked about in devotional 2, includes knowing that God can save you from your sin, and loves you enough to do so.

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

What does God offer you as a gift, according to this passage?

Being a gift, it is not something you can work for or earn. Because God loves you, He offers it to you freely.

What must you do in order to accept His free gift?

God offers salvation from our sin and acceptance into His family to all people, but not everyone will accept it. You, by faith in Jesus, trusting who He is and what He did on the cross for you, have to choose to accept His free gift. He will not force His gift on anyone.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, like He said?

Do you believe and trust that Jesus alone was able to pay for your sin and He did it when He died on the cross?

Do you have questions about trusting in Jesus as Lord (leader of your life) and Savior (the one who saved you from your sin)? *(List them and share them with your parents or Pastor Jamie)*

Name: _____ Date: _____



John 5:1-17

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