



VALLEY CHURCH

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Week 1 – Law vs. Grace

Based on Chapter 3 of the Book by Pastor Ben Dailey
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Introduction:

It's time to come out of the jungle and be captured by grace!

Three Critical Issues to Understand

1. Understand _____ and repentance
Confession = to agree with / speak the same thing as Repentance =
Greek word "metanoeo" meaning "a change of mind or perspective"
2. Understand _____ forgiveness
Hebrews 10:11-12
3. Understand _____ vs. cleansing
Hebrews 10:1, 4, 10, 14

The Big Idea:

Confession? Absolutely! We agree with God about sin and everything else! But confession is not where forgiveness comes from!

Repentance? Yes! Walking with a changed perspective and a renewed mind is essential. But it's not about making promises to God!

Complete Forgiveness? Definitely! And the more we understand and revel in it, the last thing on our minds is abusing it as a so-called "license to sin."

Cleansed verses merely covered? It's true! The sins you cannot seem to forget, God has chosen to remember no more because He has completely cleansed you!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Growing up, what was your understanding of “a relationship with God?” Would you say that relating to God was focused more around your promises to Him, or His promises to you? Discuss the impact that these beliefs had on your life...

Ponderings:

2. In the weekend message, we heard the story of Lt. Onoda, remaining in the jungle on high alert for nearly 30 years past the end of WW2 because he couldn't believe that the war was truly over.
 - How does this story relate to the way some Christians experience God?
 - Romans 5:10 puts the work of Christ into perspective in terms of bringing the war to an end between us and God. What does it mean that we have been “reconciled through His death” and “saved through His life?” Discuss, thinking about salvation more deeply than only a “ticket to heaven” someday...
3. Of the three critical issues discussed in the weekend message, which have you struggled with the most over the years and why?
 - Understanding confession and repentance
 - Understanding complete forgiveness
 - Understanding covering versus cleansing
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4. Read Hebrews 10:1-14 as a group and then make a list of at least five reasons the work of Jesus is better than the work of the priests under the Old Covenant...
 - What practical difference do these distinctions make in our daily lives? Discuss...

Promptings:

5. Are you ready to come out of the jungle once and for all, believing and receiving the truth that the war between you and God is over? If you're already secure in that reality, is there a person in your life right now who needs to come out of the jungle, and how might God use you in that?