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Week 4 – New People, New Power

Review:

The Bible makes a big deal of contrasting the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

John 1:16-7

Ezekiel 36:25-27

New Heart, New Spirit, God's Temple...

The New Heart = God gives us brand new _____ at the core

The New Spirit = God gives us a new, righteous _____ at the core

The New Temple = God lives within us by His _____ united with ours

Galatians 2:19-21 – A New Way to Be Human!

Galatians 2:19

The wages of sin is death, and the instrument that delivers the death sentence is the Law

Galatians 2:20

First half of the gospel is that Jesus died _____ us!

Second half of the gospel is that we died _____ Him!

See Matthew 27:44; Mark 15:32; John 19:32; Romans 6:6

Romans 6:8-14

“Count yourselves...” = literally “accept as fact by faith”

Galatians 2:21

May we never set aside – literally “disregard, disesteem, or neutralize” the grace of God by returning to the fleshly efforts of keeping the Law.

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. In the series *THIS IS US: A NEW WAY TO BE HUMAN* we have been discovering what it means to live as those who are literally new creations. Up to this point in time, what did it mean in your mind to be a "new creation?"

Ponderings:

2. Acts 2:42-47 offers a wonderful snap-shot at how the birth of New Covenant community impacted their lives. Read the passage together as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
 - In today's world, what does it mean to devote ourselves to the "apostles' teaching, to the breaking of bread and to prayer?"
 - How does the experience of New Covenant community fill us with "awe" in our lives as opposed to not being in fellowship with others?
 - What other evidences of love, sacrifice and worship are seen in the description of the early church, and how are similar things seen in our community at Valley both corporately and in small groups?
3. Thinking back to some of the big things we've learned in this series...
 - Why is the term "obsolete" not a term of disrespect when used of the law (Hebrews 8:13)?
 - Why is operating under the law (rather than under grace) such a recipe for life-dominating sin and addiction?
 - What does it mean to have a new heart, a new spirit and the Holy Spirit living inside of you?
 - What does it mean to "reckon" or "count" yourself dead to sin but alive to God in Christ?

Promptings:

4. Are you purposeful about finding your place in the New Covenant community at Valley? Are you purposeful about living missionally in the greater community and world around you as a conduit of the grace and truth of Christ? Explain and share as you are able...