

SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 3:11

Christ Our Life

Introduction

Where? Here.

Christ is our new identity

Christ is all

Christ is in all

SO WHAT?

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SERMON AIM

To remind us to keep our identity in Jesus Christ because He has made us a new creation. That we would be a unified church because the same Christ is our foundation, hope, and treasure. That we experience lasting joy because Christ is all and in all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) When someone asks, "Who are you?" what labels or identities do you instinctively reach for? How does Colossians 3:11 reshape the way you answer that question?
- 2) Why do good things (family, work, politics, success, etc.) so easily become ultimate things? What happens when we treasure those things more than Christ?
- 3) Paul says, "Christ is all, and in all." What does this teach us about our unity as a local church despite our different backgrounds, personalities, and life experiences?
- 5) Where do you most often look for joy apart from Jesus? How have those things failed to satisfy in the long run? Daily?
- 6) What is one practical way you can help Grace Church reflect the unity of the gospel this week by bearing burdens, forgiving, serving, or pursuing someone you might naturally overlook?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

- Preach your identity to yourself daily. Begin each day by reminding yourself, "My truest identity is not what I accomplish, what others think of me, or how I feel today. I belong to Christ, and Christ lives in me."
- Repent of treasured idols, not merely sinful actions. Ask the Lord to expose where good gifts have become ultimate treasures. Turn from seeking hope, joy, significance, or security in anything that cannot bear the weight of your soul, and return to Christ.
- Pursue the church because Christ is in His people. Don't simply attend church. Invest in Christ's body. Worship faithfully, bear one another's burdens, forgive quickly, and encourage one another because Christ has united you into one family.
- Look for Christ's presence in ordinary faithfulness. Remember that Christ dwells with you while you work, parent, study, serve, grieve, and rest.
- This week, intentionally ask yourself, "Am I enjoying this gift, or am I asking it to be my savior?" Let every good gift become another reason to worship Christ rather than replace Him.

PRAYER FOR YOUR WEEK

Use this to foster prayer this week and to stir your heart to treasure Jesus:

Father, thank You for giving me not only forgiveness through Jesus but a living relationship with Your Son. You have made my identity secure in Christ alone. Help me to treasure Jesus above every other good gift, turning from the things I trust more than Him. By Your Spirit, make me and the people of Grace Church marked by humility, unity, forgiveness, and joy as we bear one another's burdens and make much of Christ. I ask this in the name of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. For from Him, & through Him, & to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.