

Summer Current: Special Guest Becket Cook

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Becket Cook, author of *A Change of Affection*, shares his testimony as someone who was transformed by the power of the gospel. You might have heard his podcast. "The Becket Cook Show was created by Becket to discuss relevant topics and to crush the lies of culture with truth."

I. Love and Kindness

1 Peter 1:3-5 (NIV) **3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, **5** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Colossians 1:24–27 (NIV) **24** Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. **25** I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— **26** the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. **27** To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory..

 How can we can love well despite the desire of some to separate the Church from people who are hurting over rejection of God and/or sexual oriented lifestyles and "identities"?

 Can we be kind, loving and accepting without affirming?

II. The Power of God to Save

Psalms 23:5-6 (NIV)

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.


6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

John 4:10–15 (NIV) *The Woman at the Well* **10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

 I love the story of the woman at the well and Jesus. He does an excellent job of reaching someone who didn't think they should be reached. What do you see here that can help us share Christ?


III. The Power of the Gospel and Prayer

Romans 1:14–17 (NIV) *The need for the Gospel to be Shared...* **14** I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. **17** For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,^[e] just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Ephesians 1:15–18 (NIV) *Thanksgiving for the Believers...* **15** For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, **16** I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. **17** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[f] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. **18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, He sees their need for God and desires that for them.

 How can we share the gospel in kindness?

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