



Week 5- "An Inadequate Christianity"

Christianity offers us an incredible opportunity to read documents written by people who knew Jesus. They wrote first hand accounts of what Jesus said and what He did. In this series, we are reading a letter written to the Ephesians by a guy named Paul. In this week's message we look at the reality that when we sit with Christ he not only gives us a new identity, and a new nature, He actually puts His Spirit in us to transform and empower us.

1. What version of Christianity have you been introduced to: a Christianity of repentance, or a Christianity that includes the Holy Spirit?
2. If you are a Christian how would you describe how you live out the Christian faith:
 - As if it's just by repentance and you strive to live it out in your own strength?,
 - Or do you live trusting that you actually have the Holy Spirit to help transform and empower with grace?

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

3. What does it say about God's heart that He provides his Spirit to help empower, and transform you?
4. Forgiveness is incredible, and we need it but it only takes care of the past. What is something that you need the Holy Spirit to help you with right now?
5. When you sit with Christ he gives you His identity, His nature, and His Spirit. How does this give hope for today, and for the future?
7. What do you think it practically looks like to surrender to the Holy Spirit for today?

8. How can you use the prayer Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:14-19 to encourage someone else to lean into the Holy Spirit's presence, and how does it encourage you to do the same thing?

Living our lives without the Holy Spirit is an inadequate Christianity. Paul and Jesus himself said that living our lives strengthened with the power of the Holy Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:16-17) changes everything and is an accurate picture of Christianity. A Christianity that includes the Holy Spirit makes grace not just a forgiving grace but a transforming and empowering grace as well. Through faith in Christ you can lean into the presence of His Spirit everyday.