



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know us better, visit the Welcome Table and complete a Grace Connect Card.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

Discover Grace Membership class: Part 2 today 8:30am.

Fellowship Potluck: TODAY after the service.

Important Business Meeting: May 19th after the service
Members please plan to attend, we will be voting.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

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Kevin Kelley
Colossians 1:14-23

- King Jesus (the son of David, the son of Abraham, the Eternal Son of God, crucified and raised from the dead) is The Good News!
- King Jesus is the incarnate Eternal Son; "firstborn" does not infer, suggest, or mean He is a created being.
- King Jesus is the exclusive "head of the body, the church."
- King Jesus is humanity's only atonement, hope, redemption, peace, and reconciliation "through His blood, shed on the cross."

GRACE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Take some time this week to ask people in the community what Grace Community Church is known for. Compare that with Colossians 1:4-6. How closely do they match up? What might be some preliminary "next steps" if change is needed?
2. As you listened to the sermons and went back to read Colossians 1:1-23, what stood out the most? What encouragement did you hear from the Holy Spirit? What correction?
3. Throughout Colossians 1:14-23 Paul uses words like "firstborn," "beginning," "first place," and "preeminence." What is Paul revealing about Jesus? How does this inform your love, adoration, praise, and worship of Him?
4. How can we lovingly respond to those who argue that the existence of suffering in the world is "proof" that God either doesn't exist or is incompetent and therefore unworthy of worship? What is the dimension of truth they are *suppressing* (2 Peter 3:9)?
5. In Colossians 1:20 it's revealed that reconciliation, i.e. peace, was accomplished through Jesus' blood shed on the cross. How does Hebrews 9:22-26 overlap and help us here? What did Jesus mean in John 19:30, when, with His last breath, He said, "Tetelestai." What are the various meanings of that term in the context of business, legal, military, and a servant/slave?
6. Considering Paul's audience (v.2) and the reality of their ministry in the Gospel (vv.4-6), why does he issue the conditional statement at the start of v.23? What is the reality they have definite hope in (v.22) "if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away..."? If they don't "remain" in those things, what reality does it expose (v.21)? How does that challenge and correct "easy believism" and cultural Christianity?

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Team **Sunday** is in need of the following volunteers:
 - Sound Board Technicians
 - Musicians
 - Computer techs to run the slides on Sunday morning worship
 - Technicians to help set up equipment and screens for Sunday worship
- Children's Church - We need help teaching our keiki about Jesus on Sunday mornings

If you can help with any of these service opportunities, please see Bill Quinlan or contact him at quinlan7bill@yahoo.com, you may also contact the church office at office@gracekona.org. We really appreciate your help spreading the good news of our Lord Jesus through these service opportunities!