

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love
Message: Eagerness to Grow
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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After reviewing the message notes, spend some time reading through the following passage with an eye for what God would want you to change and develop in your life. Here is a way to approach it: Read the whole passage through two or three times out loud. Then, read it and underline or circle the words and phrases that particularly stand out to you. Next, pray and ask God to help you see what He most wants you to focus on. Read through again and see if one (or at most two) things stand out to begin addressing. Make a list of specific ways you can grow/change in accordance to what you have seen. Now, ask God to help you apply what you have determined, so you can implement it this week.

²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. ²⁵ So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. ²⁶ And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ for anger gives a foothold to the devil. ²⁸ If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. ²⁹ Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:21-32 (NLT)

MESSAGE NOTES



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What is one thing a PGA golf instructor, FPU teacher and CSCS trainer have in common with Jesus?

They will guarantee results if you obey their instruction.

Jesus gave a simple metric to measure our love and devotion to Him – obedience.

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.

John 14:21 (NLT)

You can try to obey without loving Christ. You cannot love Christ without striving to obey.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

⁶ And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

Eagerness and willingness to change and grow is a distinguishing mark of a genuine follower.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

Song Lyrics

This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus:

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love. That You would take my place.

That You would bear my cross.

You laid down your life, that I would be set free. Jesus. I sing for all that You're done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (4X)

Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones. When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know. I won't be shaken.

Chorus:

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love. (3X)

There's power that can break off every chain. There's power that can empty out a grave.

There's resurrection power that can save. There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

Yes, I Will

I count on one thing - the same God that never fails will not fail me now, You won't fail me now.
In the waiting, the same God who's never late is working all things out. You're working all things out.

Chorus:

Yes, I will lift You high in the lowest valley. Yes, I will bless Your name.

Yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy. All my days, yes, I will.

I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify the Name of all names – that nothing can stand against. (4X)