

HOW PEOPLE CHANGE - Session 4: The Cross - Our new identity

Galatians 2:19-20

1. What's the Redemptive FACT? I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live.

2. What is our Present Reality? But Christ who lives in me.

3. What are the everyday results? And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

What does "Christ in me" living look like?

1. We live with personal integrity.

2. Recipients of grace create a climate of grace in our relationships.

3. We respond with courageous grace and constructive truth.

The Cross and our Identity

Genesis 1:26-28

Romans 8:15

Psalm 17:8

1 Corinthians 1:2

Ephesians 1:3-14

Galatians 4:4-7

1 Peter 2:9

Looking at repentance: Luke 15:11-32

1. Waking up

2. Owning up

3. Shifting weight

Central points:

1. My heart, once controlled by sin, is now the dwelling place of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. A Cross-centered life transforms us into the likeness of Christ and is characterized by repentance and faith which looks deeply at sin as well as grace.
3. Lasting change occurs when our heart's idols are unmasked and rejected, as we rely instead on Christ.