

# Grace Community Church

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## “Not on the Inside? Becoming Like Him from the Inside Out”

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Am I \_\_\_\_\_?

“... *The very moment you separate body and spirit, you end up with a corpse. Separate faith and works and you get the same thing: a corpse.*”

James 2:14-26 (MSG)

“*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*”

Eph. 2:8-9 (NIV)

“*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*”

Eph. 2:10 (NIV)

“In the Christian life faith and works go together like inhaling and exhaling. Faith is taking the Gospel in; works is taking the Gospel out.”

– Billy Graham

“... *A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.*”

Matt. 7:16-20 (NIV)

“***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.***”

Gal. 5:22-23 (NIV)

“*Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with Him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that.*”

Eph. 5:1-2 (MSG)

If I say I know God, and I don't love, I am a \_\_\_\_\_.

“... *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ... If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.*”

I John 4:7-8, 20 (NIV)

“***Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.***”

I Cor. 13:4-8a (NIV)

“... *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*”

John 13:34-25 (NIV)

“*Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*”

I John 3:18 (NIV)

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How?

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*“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”*

Col. 3:13 (NIV)

- Care for the p\_\_\_\_\_ and others in n\_\_\_\_\_.

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”* Matt. 25:35-36 (NIV)

- Take care of His c\_\_\_\_\_.

*“Fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”*

Gen. 1:28 (NIV)

*“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”*

Gen. 2:15 (NIV)

*“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”*

Psa. 24:1 (NIV)

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*“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Gal. 6:2 (NIV)

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* Phil. 2:3-4 (NIV)

*“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Phil. 1:6b (NIV)