

Raised with Christ || A series through Colossians

Grit & Grace

Sermon Synopsis: We have everything we need to live lives worthy of our calling in God.

Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Intro: Jude

What we need

We need the ability to make long-term decisions in an instant gratification world

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Paul is praying that we would...

1. Know what to do (knowledge)
2. Know how to do it (wisdom)
3. Actually do it (walk in a manner worthy...bearing fruit)
4. Persevere (for all endurance and patience with joy)

This is called **character**: How your inner life shapes your outer life.

Ever feel like your living a lie? Matt 15:8. You can know a lot, but then you suffer. **Tyson**.

Paul is praying specifically for a Christian character that endures the hits in life.

This is called "grit" (strength in character)

Problem: maybe you feel ashamed because you have not had grit, but guilt. You've failed

Gospel: What we have in Christ

who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:12-14, ESV)

Qualified: to make able

Wonka. Charlie Bucket & Veruca Salt. Had nothing to do with them. It's external!

We have this

1. Qualification
2. Resources

Because Christ has given us this

1. Deliverance
2. Belonging
3. Redemption
4. Forgiveness

- This is called “grace”

The Christian life is made of grit and grace

Grace is precisely where our grit comes from!

Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Where to start

Not passive or active, but *interactive*.

Biblical response: Gratitude

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Transformation is not an overnight experience. It's slow and long (hence need for grit!)

We'll spend the whole series covering what we've briefly uncovered here (w/ training)

For now, let's allow our hearts to be formed so that we can receive the rest:

formed through *gratitude* (worship)

Practice:

1. Where have you recently experienced grace in your life? (thank)
2. Where do you need grit in your life? (ask)