

One

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The Main Thing

When we accept God's grace, we stop trying to do certain things or to act in a certain way for the purpose of earning our relationship with God or earning our salvation. Then we stop wanting other Christians to act in a certain way. We stop condemning others' conduct, and we begin to live as one body.

Our Scripture Focus

Romans 8:1-9.

Questions for Discussion

1. What is the difference between (i) taking actions that honor God, as a result of our own efforts, and (ii) taking actions that honor God, as a result of his grace and his spirit?
2. What does it mean to "get delivered from yourself" or to "get past yourself" with regard to judging and condemning the behavior of other Christians? Why is this an important step before we can to act as one with each other?
3. After hearing about grace at Crossroads recently and perhaps at other points in your life, are you nevertheless still guilt-ridden? What will it take for God to communicate to you that, no matter what you have done, your actions are forgivable?

The Bottom Line

What Christians have in common is not doing particular things or worshiping in specific ways. What Christians have in common is being forgiven by God.

Where We Go From Here

Next week we will continue our series, One.

Talking with God This Week

Dear God, please help me to get past myself. Help me to get past my way of thinking about what conduct is required to be a good Christian.