

Thx: The Gospel & a Grateful Life | October 22, 2017

Learning to Say Thanks (Part Two) Jon Imbeua

Introduction & Colossians 3

- Colossians 3 "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ..." There are implications to this new life. There is something to live out of!
- Clothe yourselves in love, always be thankful/gracious.

Luke 17 - Jesus heals ten men with leprosy

- Jesus makes what's impure and makes pure, unclean and makes clean, dead and makes alive.
- Is there anyone who comes back to thank Jesus? Just one. It should have been the group!
- Giving thanks, when responded to rightly, will be a communal event.

Colossians 3: 16-17

- We are not just to give thanks, but live thanks!
- "Dwell richly", the root of "dwell" is grace. "Let the grace of Jesus be found in all areas of community life".
- "Be gracious with one another", we say thanks to God by loving one another.
- "Teach and counsel with all wisdom...", the community comes together to ask God for the wisdom to let this message of Christ permeate all areas of community life. "Wisdom" here, is right living. We ask God for wisdom, that is for graceful living to be abundant in our community.
- "Sing songs...", sing it out! Be free to creatively express, all together!
- "Whatever you do or say...", the answer to the question "what do I do now?" when we become Christians is, "whatever you do or say, do it with the grace God has shown to you!"

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you about Sunday's teaching? What did you take away?
- How have you seen the message of Jesus "dwell richly" in Christian communities you've been a part of. Share a story or two.
- What is wisdom, and how does it relate to thankfulness and graciousness? Who is the most "wise" person you have met and how has their example influenced you?
- How do you express thanks to God, individually? How do you most like to "say thanks" to God in a communal setting?
- How have you been challenged in "whatever you do or say" to give thanks or live graciously?