

Sermon Notes September 14, 2025

SHAPE: Grace is Gift Part 2



There are 2 types of calling:

General: God calls everyone by grace to 1) know God; and 2) serve others.

Specific: God gives each of us a unique purpose in how we serve others and the body of Christ.

What is the *body of Christ*? The church, all believers. Ephesians 4:15-16

Remember: *Grace is Gift*.

We are given freedom and new life in Christ by *grace* through faith. Ephesians 2:8

Gal 2:1-21 Grace does not separate people from one another. It does the opposite; it creates one family of faith.

Gal 1:13-16 THEN.... God gives *grace* no matter the person's history, social status, or worth. SO THAT...We are also called to serve others.

The believers were slaves to false identity, systems of power, and culture that kept them from living as one family of faith. Galatians 2:11-21; 5:15, 26

So what are we to do?

- 1) Believers receive the gift of their identity as children of God. God is always seeking a relationship with us!
- 2) The greatest honor is to give back in service to others. Gal 5:13-14, 6:1-2

To serve others and the body of Christ, we use our spiritual gifts (graces). Eph 4:11-16; Rom 12:6-10

Outline of Galatians 4:12-6:18

4:12-20 Paul cares about the believers as if they are his children.

4:21-31 Paul uses a story from scripture about Abraham to describe what he means about slavery.

5:1-6:10 Instructions for how to live

6:11-18 Paul writes in ALL CAPS, nothing other than Christ's grace can make us new