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Messy Church, Majestic Gospel

I Corinthians 1:1-9



1. In I Corinthians 1:3, Paul used two words to greet the believers in Corinth, "grace" and "peace." In Paul's writings, whenever grace and peace are used together, **grace always precedes peace** (Rom. 1:17, II Cor. 1:2, Gal. 1:3, Eph 1:2, Phil. 1:2, Col. 1:2, I Thess. 1:1, II Thess. 1:2, I Tim. 1:2, Tit. 1:2, Philem. 1:3). Why do you think grace always preceded peace? What is the practical application for you?

2. The title for the I Corinthian series is "Messy Church, Majestic Gospel." Pastor mentioned that the Gospel is like a multifaceted jewel that is majestic to behold. He mentioned 4 facets (of many that could be mentioned) of the Gospel found in the first 9 verses of I Corinthians 1:
 - Believers are called out from the world - "called," "church" = called out ones
 - Believers are set apart to Christ - "saint," "sanctified"
 - Believers are forgiven of their sins - "guiltless"
 - Believers are gathered into community - "fellowship"Write down your thoughts concerning each of these 4 facets or truths of the Gospel. Which is the most majestic to you? Which is most difficult to personally apply to your life? Which is most difficult to believe? Which is the greatest blessing?

3. Someone has said GRACE - God's Riches At Christ's Expense! Thank God for His grace in your life (I Cor. 1:4) by mentioning specific instances of God's grace.

Connection Card Next Steps - Memorize I Peter 2:9

***I recognize** that God has called me to be in the world but not of the world and live for Him so I will take a step in that direction this week.

***I choose** to publicly identify with the local church called Lakeside Fellowship by becoming a member.