

Series: A Glorious Grace: Designs Of Grace

Message: Relational Grace

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-15 (NASB)

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Colossians 3:12-15

¹² And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

¹⁴ And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

1. Relational Grace Requires The Putting On Of A New Heart.
2. Relational Grace Is Most Often Conveyed By What We Say And How We Say It.

James 1:26

²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Luke 4:22a

^{22a} And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; ...

Colossians 4:6

⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

Ephesians 4:29

²⁹ Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.

3. Relational Grace Chooses The Behavior And Words That Others Need Regardless Of Their Wants.

Matthew 18:15

¹⁵ "And if your brother sins , go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

4. Relational Grace Chooses The Kindest Behavior A Given Situation Will Allow.

Ephesians 4:32

³² And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Mark 11:25

²⁵ "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.

Luke 17:3-4

³ " Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

⁴ "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.