

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Colossians 1:15-23 & Ephesians 2:4-10 & 3:14-21. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read this a few times to yourself? What do you find to be most important in the texts? Why?
2. Pastor John noted that “everything of God is revealed to you in knowing Christ.” True or false? Why? How would you offer an explanation of that to someone who doesn't believe in Jesus or understand his crucial unique significance in salvation?
3. How would you explain the necessity of Jesus' crucifixion to someone? If Jesus did not physically rise from the dead, what would change about the Christian faith?
4. How does seeing Christ as the creator & sustainer of all things help you fully understand the incredible humility of Jesus in his incarnation & crucifixion?
5. How does Col 1:21-23 take the confession of faith in Christ from verses 15-22 & make it real for the lives of all who follow Jesus? How is this where the rubber hits the road?
6. In Eph 2:4-5, we see the profound contrast between our spiritual state before & after God's intervention in Jesus' death & resurrection. How does experiencing God's mercy & love in this way shape your perspective on your own salvation & what that act of eternal grace calls you to do?
7. How does Eph 2:4-5, which speaks of God's great love for us, inspire & empower us to love Him in return? How can our understanding of God's love shape our love for others, including those who may seem difficult to love?
8. In Eph 3:14-21 Paul prays for followers of Jesus to experience a fullness of God's love & power. How can a fuller understanding of God's love & power in you make a practical difference in your life?
 - i. Consider: In what areas of your life are you living from a position of emptiness rather than fullness in God's power & love?
 - ii. Think of the times you struggle as a Christian, or fall repeatedly to a particular sin. How might that be connected to failing to grasp Christ's power & love for you?
9. In what ways do Paul's words, in Eph 3:20-21, reassure you that God is able not only to do more than you ask but also to do more than you can comprehend?
10. What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, or pray about as a result of engaging with these texts?

Living Water Fellowship

Reformation Sunday

26th October 2025

COME TO JESUS

SONGS: Holy Holy Holy! and Sing

WELCOME & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created & is supreme over all creation;

¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms & on earth.

He made the things we can see & the things we can't see — such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, & authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him & for him.

¹⁷ He existed before anything else, & he holds all creation together.

¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body.

He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.

So he is first in everything.

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ & through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven & on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts & actions. ²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, & you are holy & blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

²³ But you must continue to believe this truth & stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, & I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SONG: Ancient of Days

BIBLE READING: Ephesians 2:4-10 & 3:14-21

2:⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, & he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sin, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ & seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace & kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

^{3:14} When I think of all this, I fall to my knees & pray to the Father, ¹⁵ the Creator of everything in heaven & on earth. ¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love & keep you strong. ¹⁸ May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, & how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life & power that comes from God.

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

FAITH CHAT:

The Reformation was first a powerful Christ-centred transformation of Martin Luther's life before it transformed the church & the culture of Luther's day.

Looking at today's world, what is in need of that same kind of transformation...

1. In your life?
2. In the church?
3. In Wagga Wagga or the wider Australian culture?
4. What role do you think Christ has for you in that?

THE MESSAGE: *SINCE YOU ASKED: CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?*

OFFERING SONG: Better By Far

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (CityAlight)

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

**† (Name), child of God,
You are God's masterpiece!
Created anew in Christ for good! - Amen.**

Announcements:

SONG: Grace Awaiting Me

SHOW HIS LOVE

Remember:

Everything you need from the Father, he gives you in Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***

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