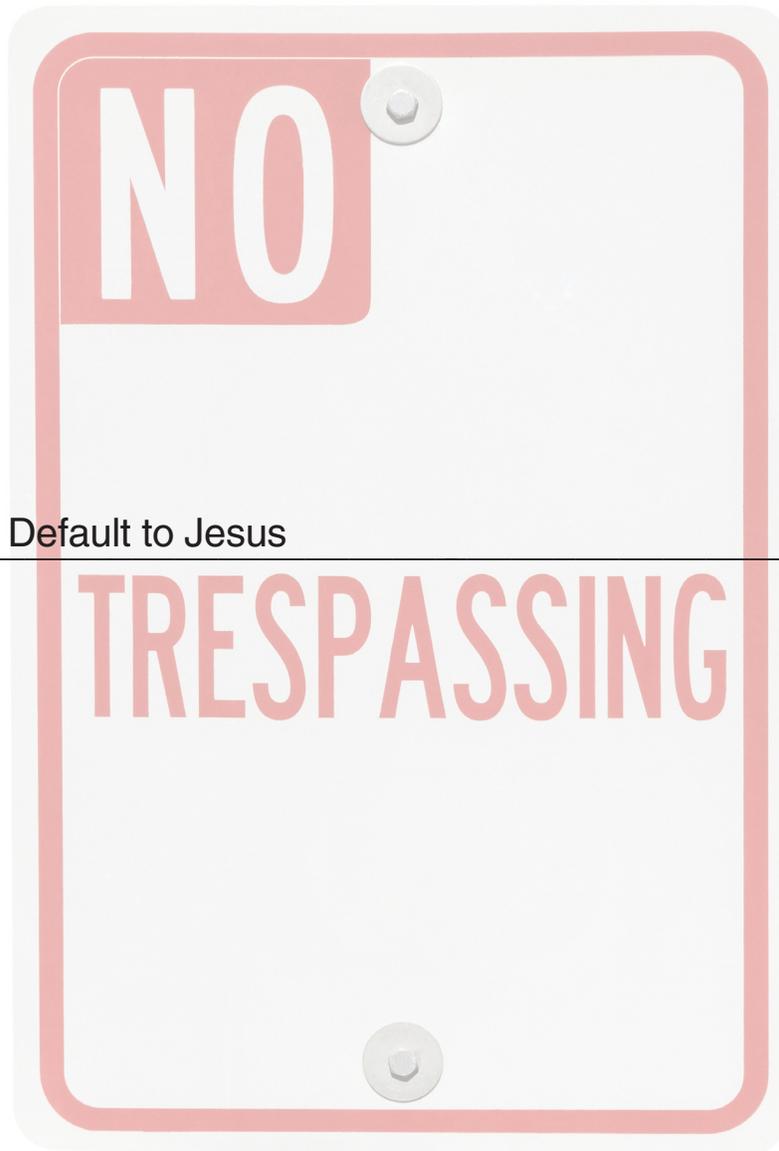


Danger Zone!

“ _____ How to Keep Grace in Place - Part 2 _____ ”

1. _____ Keep Your Spiritual Pride in Check _____ v. 18

2. _____ Always Default to Jesus _____ v. 19



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Colossians 2:18. Explain asceticism and angel worship. How did it lead to spiritual competition?
- Why is this a problem? In what way can this happen in today's churches? Give an example.
- How does Point #1 help prevent this from happening? What is entailed? How do you need to keep in check?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 2:19. Explain the metaphor of a physical body when it relates to a Christian following Jesus.
- How were false teachers violating this truth? What does this ultimately do to the "grace" of God?
- In what way is Point #2 a repeat of Colossians 1:19-23? Why do we need the constant reminder of Point #2?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Colossians 2:18a, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Timothy 2:5-7

- Explain the root belief behind asceticism. What types of behavior are included? Why is it legalism?
- In what way does the idea of spiritual "disqualifying" fly in the face of God's grace?
- How can it happen in churches today? Give an example. How can you protect against this type of thinking?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 2:18, Matthew 4:10, Revelation 5:11-12, 19:9-10, 22:8-9

- Given angel worship was popular in the Colossian region, what does this imply about spiritual distractions?
- Give an example of how this same type of spiritual distraction can take place today. (e.g. Mary, icons, etc.)
- Why will this ultimately impact keeping grace in place? How does this adjust and keep you in check?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 2:18, Luke 18:10-14, Philippians 2:3-4

- In what way will asceticism, angel worship, and visions ultimately lead to spiritual competition and pride?
- How did the Pharisee model this same problem? Be specific. Why is this extremely dangerous?
- How can you be susceptible to this struggle? How can you protect yourself? (i.e. motive check)

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 2:19a, 1:17-20, Ephesians 4:15-16

- What does "holding fast to the head" mean? How were false teachers letting go? Give an example.
- What does this imply about keeping grace in place? Why will this always be a Christian temptation?
- Take some time and pray, asking God, how you may be "letting go" of your focus on Him.

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 2:19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- Explain the struggle Paul was addressing in the Corinthian church. How was it similar to Colossae?
- Why did it lead to envy and jealousy? What does this imply about staying connected to the "head"?
- How do you feel about your spiritual gifts compared to others? How do you need to regroup with Jesus?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 2:19, John 15:1-11

- In what way did Paul essentially emphasize the same thing that Jesus taught in John 15?
- What does this imply about grace and true spiritual growth? How can a counterfeit version take place?
- What type of spiritual growth do you see taking place in your life? How can you better default to Jesus?

MEDITATION VERSE: ¹⁸ *Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind...* **Colossians 2:18**