

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**



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1 Peter

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit graceinracine.com/connectcard or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



Masks are optional. Let's continue to be kind and respectful of one another at this stage of the pandemic. It's our prayer that we will be known as a church that displays Christ in how we interact with one another. You are welcome to wear a mask and we have masks available at the information booth if you need one.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship
"Living Hope"
"His Mercy Is More"

Matthew Lutz, Director of Worship Arts
[Psalm 118:19-24](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal
"The Stand"

Pastor Mike Matheson

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

[1 Peter 2:4-10](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Communion
"In Christ Alone"
Benediction

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CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Chris Booth, Ellie Weinbrenner

On the passing of Barbara Kauers, we extend our sympathy to her husband, Jarad and daughter, Janine Carls and family.

JOURNEY GROUP FOR WOMEN

Begins on October 21. The stories of our lives can be marked by pain, trauma and shame. Yet we have hope for healing, redemption and purpose. This group is designed to help you grow closer to God by exploring your past and discovering the truth of who you were meant to be as God redeems your story. This 12 week ministry will meet every other Thursday beginning on October 21 at 6:30. Scan the QR code for group application or stop by the information desk. For more information contact Gayle: gaylemanske@att.net.



GRACE HAPPENINGS

CHILD DEDICATION

October 24, during service

Required class: Sunday, Oct. 10, 11:15 am

The Child Dedication ceremony is not only an opportunity to celebrate as a church, but is also a time for parents to publicly commit to God's plan. If you'd like to have a child(ren) dedicated, learn more by scanning the QR code or visit graceinracine.com.



ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, SEPT 26, 2021

Sanctuary Attendance: 391
Livestream Attendance: 120
Giving: \$47,770

2021 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,166,341
+/- Budget: \$-10,479

SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

One word that has taken on new meaning in recent years is the word identity. How does one view him or herself? What are the key components that determine one's identity? From one's nationality to one's profession, there are many ways we might identify ourselves, sometimes even rejecting who God has made us to be. Peter wants his readers to have a crystal clear understanding of who they are: in Christ, we are a royal priesthood and God's own people. Despite our exiled circumstances, we are called to live out this identity rooted and established by God's very word.

Discussion Questions

1. Where do you find your identity? What are the labels you might use to identify yourself? What is at stake when we are the ones determining our identity? Why is it crucial for us to understand our identity in Christ? How can this change our walk with Christ?
2. How does Peter describe Christ in the passage (vs. 4-8)? How does he liken us to Christ in the same section? How do his words comprise our identity in Christ? How is this identity different from the identity you are given by the world?
3. Why might this language have more significant meaning to people living as exiles? How can these words serve us as we strive to live out our faith? In what ways would your life look different if you lived out your identity in Christ more consistently?
4. On what does Peter establish this identity in Christ (vs. 6-8)? Why is it significant that he would use these while writing to a Gentile audience? How is it that we are brought into this honor? How does this help us to see God's unifying plan of redemption between both Old and New Testaments? Why is this vital for us to understand as we walk with Christ?
5. How does Peter restate and build upon the identity granted to us in Christ (vs. 9-10?) How is it that we are brought into this priesthood and nation? What is it that Peter wants us to do as an application of this passage? What tangible steps can you take toward this?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

SERMON NOTES

**A WHOLE NEW
IDENTITY**

1 Peter 2:4-10

Pastor Mike Matheson

WORSHIPPERS IN TRAINING QUESTIONS

Parents – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in Worshippers in Training! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. What is one term Peter uses to describe God's people in the verses you learned about today?
2. When you think about who you are what is the first thing that comes to mind?