

**Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



**September 22, 2024**

**“Live in Grace”** - #3 in the series *In Good Faith: Our Love Is Our Witness*

**Texts Referenced (NIV):** Colossians 3:12-14, Ephesians 2:4-5, 8.

1. What stood out to you about the message?
  
2. Consider the meaning of grace from a Christian perspective - a gift or favor from God that is undeserved and unmerited.
  - Why can it be difficult - intellectually, emotionally, or psychologically - to grasp this concept of grace?
  - How can the process of stewardship help us understand the gift of grace?
  
3. **Read Colossians 3: 12-13.**

Paul describes two ways we should demonstrate our understanding of God’s grace toward us - how we “clothe” ourselves and through our actions toward others.

  - Which item of “clothing” do you find most challenging to put on?
  - How is bearing with someone - making allowances for their mistakes - different from enabling them?
  
4. **Read Colossians 3:14.**
  - Do you recall when someone - a friend or family member - has extended grace to you?
  - In what ways did that impact your relationship?
  
5. **Read Ephesians 2: 4-5, 8.**

God’s grace was extended to us even before we knew it, but not until we accept it can we experience it.

  - In what ways does God remind us that His grace is ongoing and recurring, not just a one-time occurrence?
  - How do we create an environment at Hope that encourages living in grace?
  
6. How can we pray for you?