

# ROOTS

## HE RE-CREATED US

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – September 4, 2016

1. Open in prayer.
2. "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." What are your thoughts on this quote from Mark Twain?

### Do You Know Why You've Been Created?

3. Pastor Derwin said, "You've been created to be loved by God and to bring Him glory." Read 2 Peter 1:3.
  - a. What do you think of the statement, "If God Himself loving you is not enough to satisfy you, nothing will ever satisfy you"?
  - b. God gives us all that we need for life and godliness, and this how we bring Him glory. How can you apply this to your life?

### How Does God Accomplish His Dream? By Grace!

4. God shares and gives His life to you. Christ is your life. God recreates us with the life of Jesus.
  - a. Read Colossians 3:3-4, 1 Corinthians 6:17, and 2 Peter 1:4. What are the practical implications of these Gospel truths for our lives?
  - b. Discuss this statement: "Jesus gave His life for you, to live His life in you and through you."

### Why Don't Christ-Followers Live in the Gospel of Grace?

5. Discuss the following:
  - a. You hope to get God's acceptance by your behavior  
"If I just read my Bible enough and do good things, God will accept me."
  - b. You just don't know any other way  
Self-help --> Moralism --> Prosperity gospel
  - c. You find purpose in self-effort  
Pride. "I'm my own savior."
  - d. You are motivated by guilt  
"I've done something so bad, Jesus can't pay for it." You try to pay God to remove your guilt.
6. You have a new identity in Christ and live by faith in Christ, so Christ can be fruitful in you.
  - a. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11.
  - b. What does a fruitful life in Christ look like?
7. Close in prayer, praying for each other to allow Jesus to embody 2 Peter 1:3-11 in our lives.