

Redeemed for Relationship

Lessons from the Book of Colossians

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Understanding the grace of God results in...

- Bearing fruit... expressed in relationship
 - the grace of God will change us
- Increasing – growing
 - we won't remain as we are

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 - transferred to the kingdom of Jesus

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you **holy and blameless and above reproach** before him,...

Colossians 1:21-22

The grace of God has accomplished...

- Qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints
- Delivered from domain of darkness and...
 - transferred to the kingdom of Jesus
- Holy and blameless --beyond reproach
 - No longer alienated and hostile in mind

Allow the grace of God to transform

- Slow down to be reminded of the truth
- Remember pictures/stories of grace
- Recall true words ex. Psalm 130
- Community of saints Colossians 3:16