



The Verdict Is In — Week 3: “The Pardon of God”

CONNECT: Have you ever gotten in trouble and been offered grace? Example: a speeding ticket.

GROW:

1. *“How you are today isn’t how you have to be tomorrow”* is an idea Jon presented in this week’s sermon. Has this ever played out in your life? How?
2. **Read Galatians 5:1.** What does this Freedom look like? Does it mean that you can finally do anything that you want? What does a “yoke of slavery” mean to you?
3. **Read Matthew 26:35.** Have you ever promised anything with good Intentions, only to realize that keeping that promise is more difficult than you thought? Is not fulfilling that promise sin?
4. In **John 21:15** Jesus asks Peter *“Do you love me?”* Peter responds, *“Yes Lord, You know I love you.”* John uses two Greek words to describe love: Phileo and Agape.
 - a. What is Agape love and why does Jesus use it to describe love in his question to Peter?
 - b. What is Phileo love and why does Peter use it in his description of his love for Jesus?
5. Jon said that *“Forgiveness follows failure, and freedom follows forgiveness.”* How difficult is it to enjoy and trust in that freedom after a failure?
6. **Read Matthew 6:24.** How do we as humans try to live in both worlds (God and sin)?

PRAY: Take time to thank God for His forgiveness, His freedom, and for his *Agape* love for you.

NEXT: This next weekend is Easter! We have 4 services scheduled. Saturday, March 30, at 4:00pm & 6:00pm and Sunday, March 31, at 9:30am and 11:15am. Think about who you could invite, and how you’re going to do that this week!