

THE CALL



Recap

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- Our Primary Call is to ***INTIMACY WITH GOD***
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- Our Secondary Call is to CHRISTLIKENESS
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- We are called TO BE SOMEONE.

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“I will believe in the Redeemer when his followers look more redeemed.”

This Week

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Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

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² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

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³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

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⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

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⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

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⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

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⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

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⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

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¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

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¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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 - Who is it hidden from?

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 - Corporate picture of the IMAGE (.11)

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 - Lastly put on love.

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- When we are in this unity, we reflect the Holy Trinity.

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- The world wants to know if God can know their deepest darkest secrets and still love them.
- The best way to show that it is possible, is if those who follow God, put it on display.

Larry Crabb, *Soul Talk*

The greatest lie believed today is that one can know God without being known by someone else.

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- Spiritual community is NOT a community of fixers nor necessarily fixed people.

Larry Crabb,
The Safest Place on Earth

A central task of spiritual community is to create a place that is safe enough for the walls to be torn down, safe enough for each of us to own, and reveal our brokenness.

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