

April 21, 2024

COLOSSIANS

A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What are some financial debts that folks typically incur (student loans, mortgages, etc.)? What impact would it have for you if your debts were suddenly "paid off"?
2. Read Colossians 1:15-17. Explain the impact of these verses on your life. Why do you think Paul highlights these details about "the Beloved Son" in v.14.
3. Read vv.18-20. What does it mean for Christ to be "the head of the church?" Compare these two sections (v.15-17 and v.18-20) together; what stands out?
4. Read vv.21-22 Why do you think Paul describes us as having "once been alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds?" Why is it important for people to understand this "debt" before they can understand the Gospel of Jesus?
5. Read v.23 Do you think that this means that believers could lose their salvation? If not, then what does it mean?
6. Discuss how the passage in vv.15-20 explain and defend *how and why* Jesus has the authority, the right, and the ability to do the actions in v.21-23.

MESSAGE NOTES

Colossians: A Church Alive in Christ #3
Sermon: Reconciled by the Beloved Son
Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23

Think about it:

The Authority of Jesus Christ in Everything (1:15-17)

The Headship of Jesus Christ in the Church (1:18-20)

The Gospel of Jesus Christ in You (1:21-23)

AROUND THE TABLE

Read Colossians 1:15. What does it mean that "Jesus is the image of the invisible God"? Name some ways we as a family can know God by getting to know more about Jesus?
Pray: Say and thank God for specific ways that you know Him better because of Jesus!



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Weekly Memory Verses: Colossians 1:21-22 (ESV)
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....

Join Us Sundays!

Services at

9:00 am & 10:30 am

In Person or Online on  & 



Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We're so glad you've joined us today. If this is your first visit, please check out our Welcome Center and grab a few brochures to learn more about us.

We would love to connect with you! Please fill out a **blue Connect Card** and drop it off in an Offering Box so we have a record of your visit, we can thank you for coming, and give you some next steps. We sincerely hope you will come back to visit us again next Sunday. Relax and enjoy the service.

OUR VISION

We strive to be...

Together, living with purpose, by:

- Building a community that loves everyone deeply;
- Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus and;
- Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers.

KIDS & STUDENTS @ 9:00 AM

Please check in your kids **BEFORE** the service starts.

Check-in stations are located in the Foyer, the Nursery and at the KidZone Check-In Desk. You may check in all your kids at any of the stations. Kids are dismissed from the service to Pathfinders after worship music ends.

Nursery (0-36 months)	Room 108
Preschool A	Room 103
Preschool B	Room 101B
Kindergarten	Room 106
1st/2nd Grade	Room 104
3rd Grade	Room 102
4th/5th Grade	Youth Room
BRICK Bible Foundations (Grades 6 & 7)	Pine Room

Preschoolers through Grade 5 attend worship time with their families in the worship center, then are dismissed to class. BRICK students start promptly at 9:00 am.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements & Prayer - Elder Barry Pederson

Worship Music

Message - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

Communion

Worship Music

Benediction

COMING SOON!



We have a packed agenda with many discussion items, including a member vote on changes to our Constitution. Come hear and discuss all that God is doing in and through our church on Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm. Online viewing is available. Visit the event listing at grefc.org/events/ to find the Zoom link.

For more details on any event, visit grefc.org/events/
Register for events at the Welcome Center or at grefc.org/register/

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck// Before & After Services/ Parking Lot
Farewell Reception for Sarah Schrapp// After Each Service/ Community Room
Legacy Builders Grandparenting Equipping// 10:30-11:30 am/ Pine Room

MONDAY

Women's Bible Study - Seamless// 6:00-8:00 pm/ Pine Room
Men's Group Study - Confidence in Bible Translation// 6:30-8:00 pm/ Room 106

TUESDAY

Pastor Search Team Meeting// 5:00 pm/ Pine Room
Quarterly Business Meeting// 6:00 pm/ Community Room

SATURDAY

Elder Spring Retreat

EACH WEEK

SUNDAYS Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Groups// 5:45 pm/ Youth Room
TUESDAYS: Young Adult Volleyball// 6:30 pm/ Worship Center
WEDNESDAYS: MidWeek Meal// 5:15 pm/ Community Room
WEDNESDAYS: Kid Groups// 6:15 pm/ Various Rooms
THURSDAYS: Women's Bible Study Fellowship// 6:00 pm/ Rooms 102, 104, 106
THURSDAYS: Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



Celebrate mom on Mother's Day by taking a family photo! We'll have a beautiful backdrop set up in the foyer. We can take the photo with your phone or our camera. If you're newer to our church, we'll be available to take your photo for the directory, too.

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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Board of Elders

Chris Brown	Quintin Legler
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Kevin Geisler	Zac Preble
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Executive Board

Quintin Legler - Church Chairman
Dan Carlson - Secretary
Kara Lundin - Treasurer
Lisa Mrnak - Financial Secretary
Scott Schwake - Facilities Coordinator

Pray With Us For...

Family: Noel & Albina Doebke

Missions: Mike & Emilie Gibbons - France/Jordan

Ministry: Karen Rudd - Landscaping Team

LAST WEEK @ GREFC

Attendance

9:00 am - 230	10:30 am - 109
Online - 17	Total - 356

Giving

Last Week Actual	Weekly Budget
\$6,942.15	\$9,531.35
YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$137,098.61	\$142,970.19

