

Study Questions for Sermon “Garments of Grace”

Ken Vogel entitled his message, “Garments of Grace.” Early in his sermon, he asked, “Do we declare that grace is dress as well as doctrine?” What does that mean?

Ken told us that grace dresses up before God with gratitude, contentment, and humility. What are the opposites of those three traits? Look at each trait and its opposite. From each pair, which do you tend to wear more often?

Ken suggested that gratitude is a better motivator than guilt. Can you think of an example from your own experience that suggests he’s right?

What did Ken mean when he said that gratitude should be a constant wardrobe adjustor?

“An ungrateful Christian is underdressed.” What does that mean to you, personally?

“Contentment should mark the Christian life.” Is that a true statement? Why or why not? Is it true for your life?

Ken mentioned a Puritan father who sat down with his family to a meal consisting of a bit of bread and water. The father declared, “What?! All this and Jesus, too?” Are you challenged by that illustration? How so?

Ken stated, “Humility affects every area of our life.” Webster's 1828 describes humility as low opposed to lofty or great, an honest estimate of one’s own worth. What does Scriptural humility look like?

Ken told us that grace dresses up before others with acceptance, selflessness, and forgiveness. What are the opposites of those three traits? Look at each trait and its opposite. From each pair, which do you tend to wear more often?

In the context of forgiveness toward others, Ken said that we should not wait until the person is worthy of forgiveness. Why not?

Ken shared a story about Peter Dabiah, from Liberia, forgiving those who had tortured his family and then watched them die. Such stories are inspiring because, at least in part, they remind us of God’s forgiveness. Have you ever needed to forgive beyond what you thought you could? Share your story.