

Sermon Notes

Because we are MADE in the image of God . . .

We're to live _____.

Living from the blessing . . .

1. Can bring about the freedom _____.
2. Can bring about the freedom _____.
3. Can bring about the freedom _____.
4. Can bring about the freedom to _____ involving money, power, sex, popularity, success, etc.
5. Can bring about the freedom to get _____ and _____.

How can we stay connected to this truth in our daily lives?

1. Find a friend who's _____ when it comes to living out this truth.
2. Fix your eyes _____.
3. Adopt Ephesians 3:17-19 as a daily prayer:

And I pray that (I), being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that (I) may be filled to all the measure of the fullness of God.

Homework

Discover

Read **Genesis 1:25-31**.

1. What are two responsibilities God gave to Adam?
2. What was God's evaluation of creation before Adam was created? What was it after he was created?

Read **Ephesians 1:3-14**.

3. What "mystery" has God revealed as part of His ultimate plan and purpose (v. 9)?
4. What are the spiritual blessings in Christ? Which of these blessings is most meaningful to you?

Apply

5. When did you come to appreciate all that God has done for you in Jesus Christ?
6. How do you feel about the quality of love of the One who has chosen you and blessed you? How does this affect your love for others?
7. In what areas do you need the freedom to say "yes" or to say "no"?
8. Who is someone who is "farther along" than you who could help you stay focused on pleasing God instead of pleasing others?