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Galatians 3:23-29

“An Untangled Life”

Our minds are often busy
with what others ought to be doing,
ought not to be doing,
the wrongness of others, etc.

²³ Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law,
locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed,
²⁴ so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so
that we might be made righteous by faith.



Hints that we may be under the Law (legalistic)

We have moved from...

wondering to answering
asking to telling
listening to talking
accepting to judging
blessing to picking
reaching to isolating



What makes a good Christian/Christ Follower?

A clear sense

of what we're for.

A clear sense

of what we're against.

A clear sense

of right & wrong.

A clear sense

of the Biblical Truth.

A clear sense

of who belongs.



²⁵ But now that **faith** has come,
we are no longer under a custodian.

²⁶ You are all God's children through
faith in **Christ Jesus**.

²⁷ All of you who were baptized
into **Christ** have clothed yourselves
with **Christ**.

The Church...

finds the Life of Christ in each other.

introduces others to Jesus by how we live.

gives grace & mercy to each other.

creates a space without judgement.

understands the priority are those yet to come.



**There is no law
against things like this.**

Galatians 5:23

love, joy,
peace, patience,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control.



**The Fruit or By-Product
having found Grace
in Jesus, the Christ.**



“You’d be surprised
how powerful kindness actually is.
I am not being dramatic: you can save
hearts and lives with grace. Do”

— Jen Hatmaker,

[For the Love: Fighting for Grace
in a World of Impossible Standards](#)

Jesus was disliked for being kind
to the wrong people,
at the wrong time.

So was Peter & John.

**Those who belong to Christ Jesus
have crucified the self
with its passions and its desires.**

Galatians 5:24

No longer have to be right,
only kind.

No longer have to judge,
only accept.

No longer have to defend God,
only tell my story of Grace.

No longer need to tell,
only listen.

No longer need to be afraid,
only to welcome.



28 There is neither Jew nor Greek;
there is neither slave nor free;
nor is there male and female,
for *you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

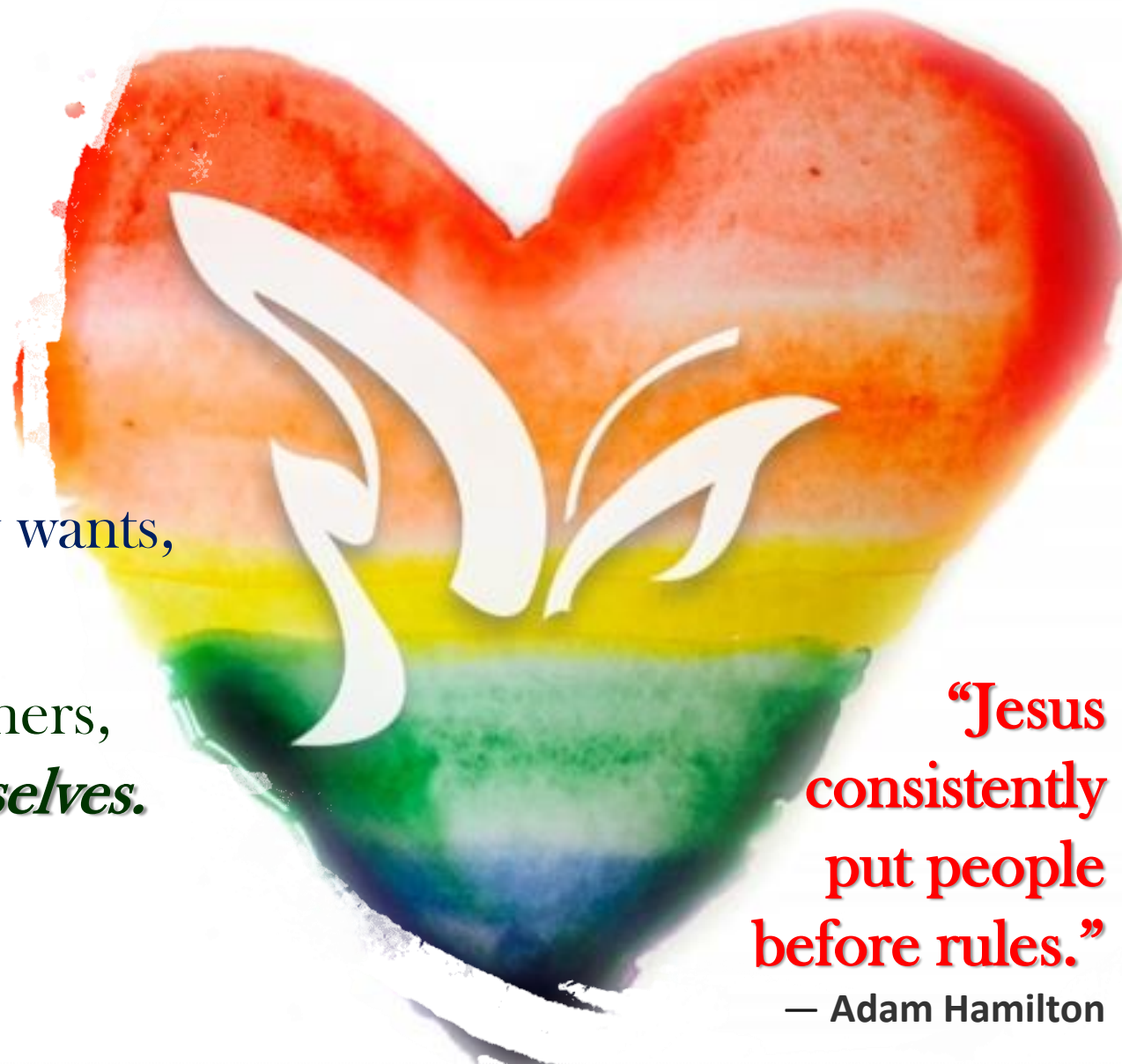
What if...

we placed a priority on those nobody wants,
would we get those everybody wants?

we sought the fruits of the spirit in others,
would we see them more clearly in ourselves.

we believed this verse literally,
would it change how we treat others

The People of the United Methodist Church



**“Jesus
consistently
put people
before rules.”**

— Adam Hamilton

Rediscovering our sense of “Wonder”

Realize that much of our sense of right has been wrong.

Be Open to learning new things about God from the stories of others.

Grasp that yesterdays ideas may not offer tomorrows solutions.

Trust God in others,
it may be us in need of Grace.

“You normally have to let go of the old and go through a stage of unknowing or confusion, before you can move to another level of awareness or new capacity.” — Richard Rohr



What does it mean to live like Jesus?

