



Culture Clash (Living godly in an ungodly age)

Lesson 4: Facing Culture February 14 & 15

Facing culture changes culture

Revelation 4:6 In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. **7** The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. **8** Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." ***New International Version***

The Ox is the symbol of a servant

The "Face of the Ox" reminds us that we are called to serve

Church

Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man **did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many." ***New International Version***

Proverbs 14:4 Without oxen a stable stays clean, but you need a strong ox for a large harvest. ***New Living Translation***

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The World

1 Corinthians 9:19 Though I am free and belong to no one, **I have made myself a**

slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. *New International Version*

Serving people impacts people

Matthew 5:14 **"You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they **may see your good deeds** and **glorify your Father in heaven.** *New International Version*

Man is the symbol of humility

The "Face of Man" reminds us to remember our roots

Titus 3:1 Remind your people to obey the government and its officers, and always to be obedient and ready for any honest work. **2** They must not speak evil of anyone, nor quarrel, but be gentle and truly courteous to all. **3** **Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient;** we were misled by others and became slaves to many evil pleasures and wicked desires. Our lives were full of resentment and envy. We hated others and they hated us. *The Living Bible*

The "Face of Man" reminds us why we're different

Titus 3:4 But when the time came for the kindness and love of God our Savior to appear, **5** then he saved us - **not because we were good enough to be saved** but because of his kindness and pity - by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out upon us with wonderful fullness - and all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did **7** so that he could declare us good in God's eyes - all because of his great kindness; and now we can share in the wealth of the eternal life he gives us, and we are eagerly looking forward to receiving it. **8** These things I have told you are all true. Insist on them **so that Christians will be careful to do good deeds all the time,** for this is not only right, but **it brings results.** *The Living Bible*

The "Face of Man" reminds us to be gracious

Colossians 4:5 Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. **Be wise** in all your contacts with them. **6** Let your conversation **be gracious as well as sensible,** for then you will have the right answer for everyone. *The Living Bible*

The Eagle is the symbol of freedom.

Isaiah 40:28 Don't you yet understand? Don't you know by now that the everlasting God, the Creator of the farthest parts of the earth, **never grows faint or weary?** No one can fathom the depths of his understanding. **29** **He gives power to the tired and worn out, and strength to the weak.** **30** **Even the youths** shall be exhausted,

and the young men will all give up. *The Living Bible*

Isaiah 40:31 But they **that wait** upon the Lord shall **renew** their strength. They shall mount up with **wings like eagles**; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. *The Living Bible*

The Lion is the symbol of boldness (Proverbs 28:1)