

Society: Living Out Our Citizenship

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**God's
New People**
PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

WARM UP

What is the weirdest food you have ever eaten?

COMING UP

Training Seminar Wednesday, November 9 • 6:45 p.m. • WC North Hallway • Reading and understanding the Bible is an essential tool for every follower of Jesus. Join us as Dr. Matt Harmon equips us with important skills for our personal Bible study. RSVP at [GracePolaris.org/Seminar](https://gracepolaris.org/Seminar) or text "Seminar" to 614-888-7733.

Thanksgiving Care Package November 1–30 • Each year our deacon ministry blesses those in need by providing food for their holiday dinner, plus a little extra! You can help by donating food items (by November 18), nominating a care package recipient online, transporting food, sorting/packing food, or delivering care packages to recipients. Donations may be left in grocery carts located at church entrances. Please check the expiration dates on donated items. View a shopping list, sign up as a volunteer, or nominate a recipient at [GracePolaris.org/Thanksgiving](https://gracepolaris.org/Thanksgiving) or text "Thanksgiving" to 614-888-7733.

A Family Christmas Celebration Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, December 10 at 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. • WC Auditorium • Enjoy beautiful renditions of classic songs, see Christmas tales come to life through comedy sketches, and be inspired through spoken word poetry. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the program, so come early to enjoy jazz music, a photo booth, and hot chocolate! Tickets are general admission and cost just \$5. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit [GracePolaris.org/Christmas](https://gracepolaris.org/Christmas) or text "Christmas" to 614-888-7733. Sign up to volunteer at [GracePolaris.org/Celebration](https://gracepolaris.org/Celebration) or text "Celebration" to 614-888-7733.

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WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 How would you describe the present climate of American society — our discourse, our fears, our tensions?
- 2 We have hymns in the English language entitled, *This Is My Father's World* and *This World Is Not My Home*. Which is correct? Why?
- 3 Are the moral and spiritual problems of our society *new* or are they *recycled*? Explain your answer.
- 4 We live in a polarized society. Polarization can result in "those who turn politics into an idol and those who don't care about public life" (Michael Wear). Which is more of a temptation for you? Why?
- 5 In 1 Timothy 2:1,2 Paul writes: "*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that...*" What are some ways in which people might expect/want that sentence to finish? Then compare how Paul actually continues and what he emphasizes.
- 6 Believers are called to be in the world and not of it (John 17:14–17). How should believers be noticeably "not of the world" specifically in our current political climate? Be specific.
- 7 "We are Americans best when we are not Americans first" (Russell Moore). What do you think this means? Do you agree?

PRAY

Read Colossians 3:1,2. Pray for wisdom in how you can properly "set your minds on things above" and represent Christ well in the political sphere.