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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- In your culture, what role (if any,) does honor and shame play in social interactions?



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What were the three strategies commonly used by many minority cultures attempting to secure the allegiance of their members and to diffuse the pressures those members might feel from people outside the group?

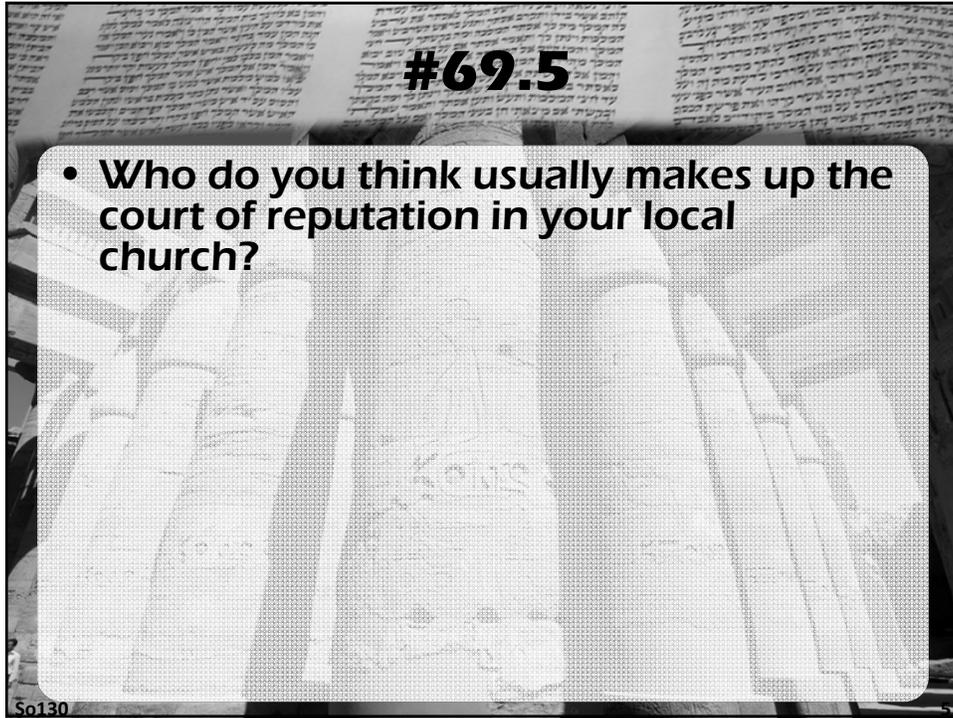
- 1. *Group members need to be very clear about who constitutes their "court of reputation," that the body of significant others whose "opinion" about what is honorable and shameful, and whose evaluation of the individual, really matters.***
- 2. *Group members need to understand (and to articulate for one another) why the approval or disapproval of outsiders does not matter to the members of the group and why it is no reflection of the group members' true honor and worth.***
- 3. *The group will use considerations of honor and shame to reinforce for its members what behaviors and goals they ought to pursue, and to dissuade them from any activities or attitudes that will hinder the group's survival (or the solidarity of its members)***

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- Do you see any of these three strategies used in the Church today? Please explain.**

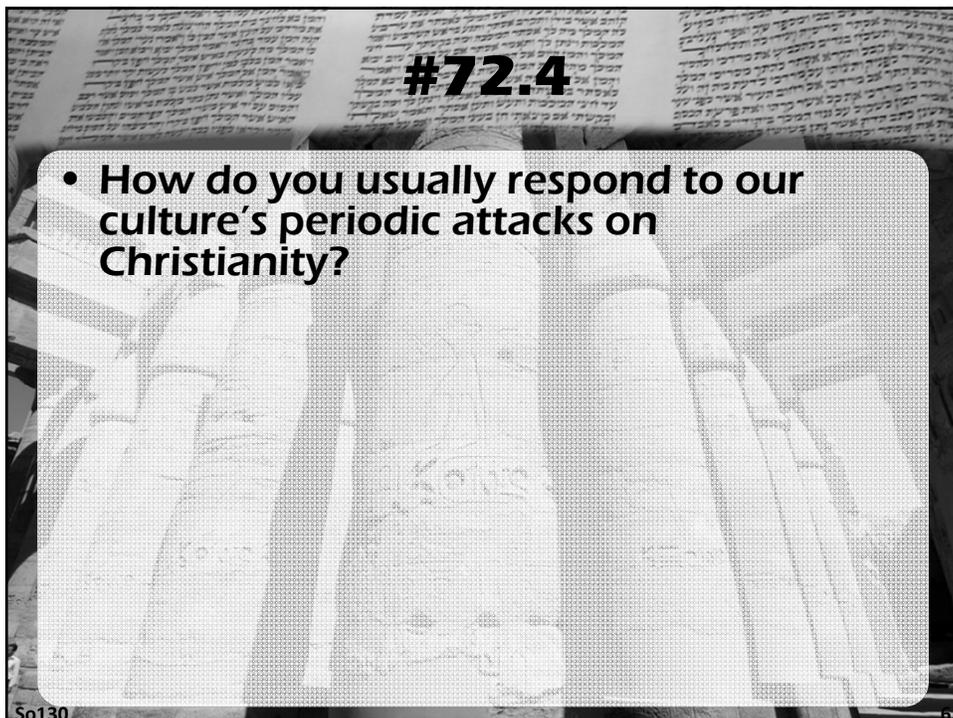
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- Who do you think usually makes up the court of reputation in your local church?

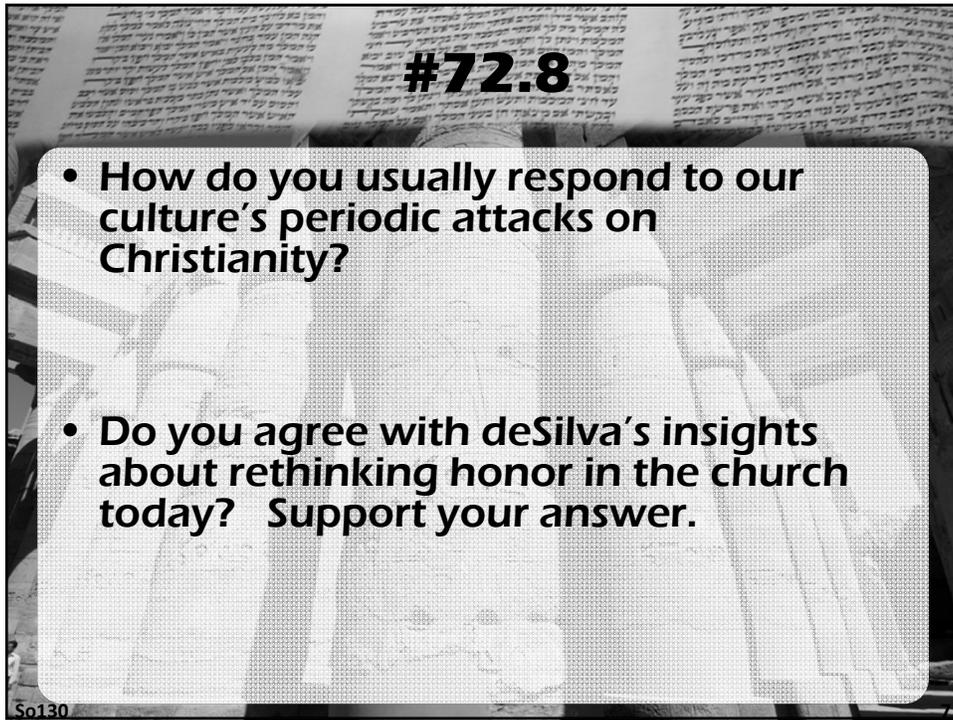
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- How do you usually respond to our culture's periodic attacks on Christianity?

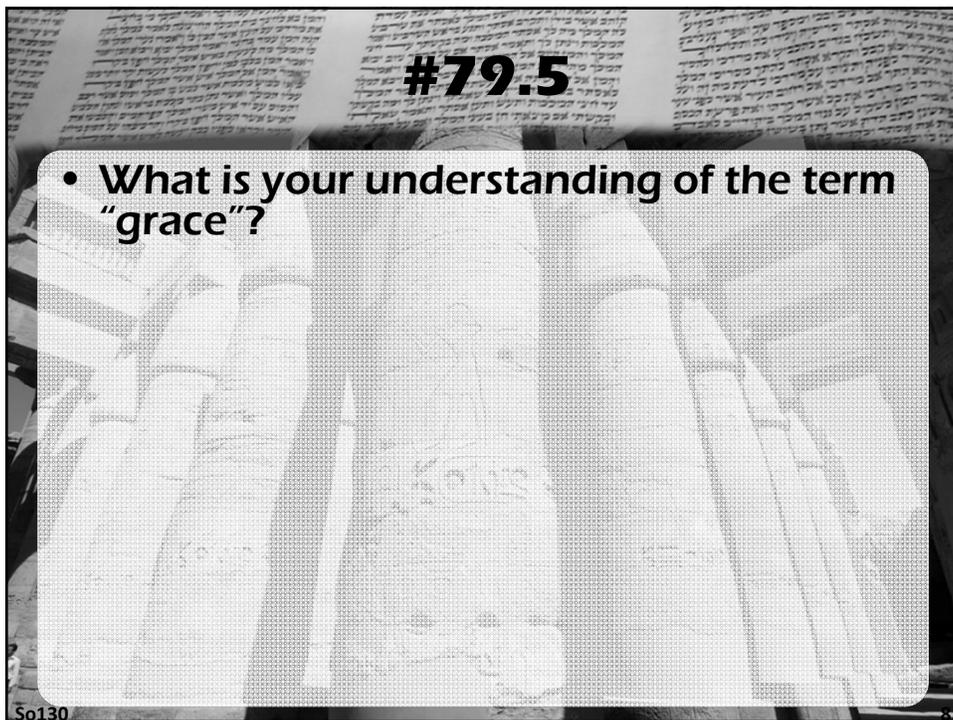
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- How do you usually respond to our culture's periodic attacks on Christianity?
- Do you agree with deSilva's insights about rethinking honor in the church today? Support your answer.

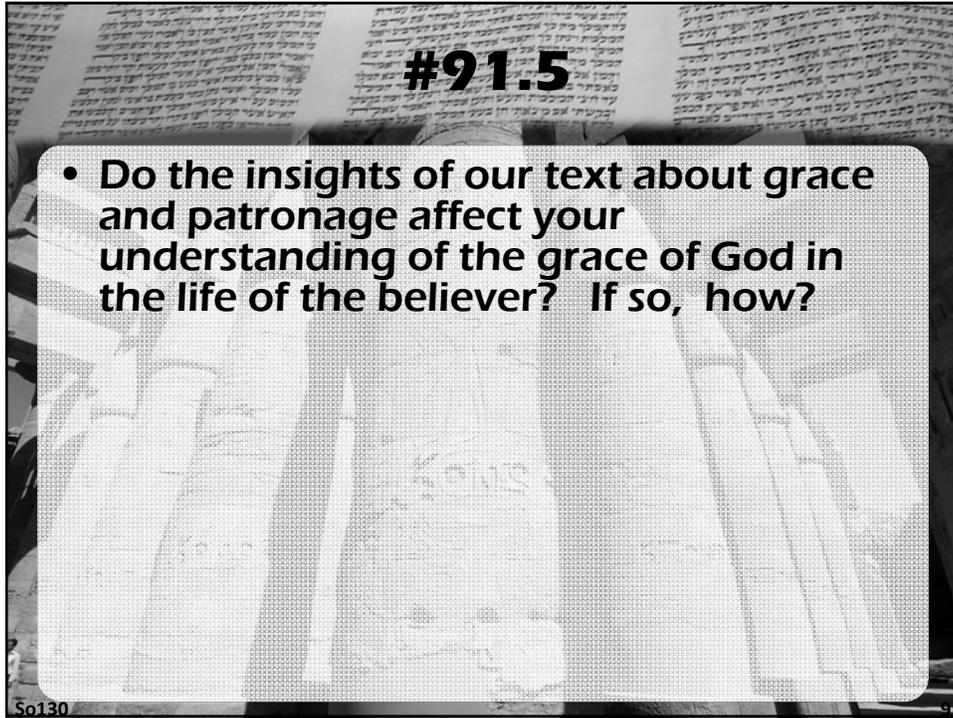
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- What is your understanding of the term "grace"?

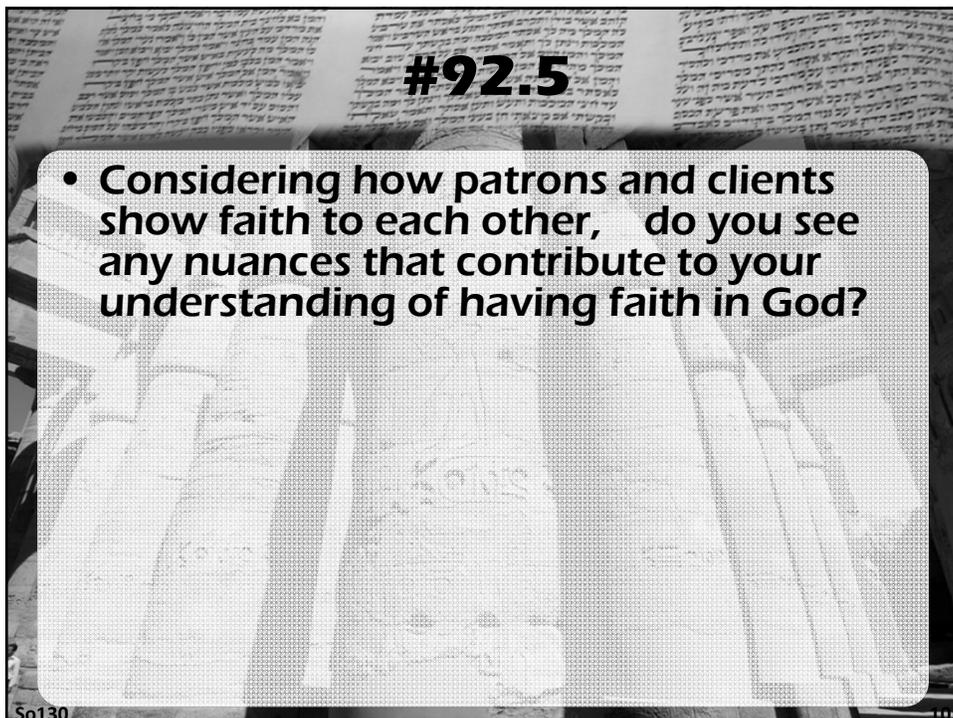
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- Do the insights of our text about grace and patronage affect your understanding of the grace of God in the life of the believer? If so, how?

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- Considering how patrons and clients show faith to each other, do you see any nuances that contribute to your understanding of having faith in God?

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