**Edward Christian Church** 

September 3, 2023



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Tolerant of Our...

- ☐ Differences
- Diversities
- Directions

The Problem is...

There is Very Little of It

Some Expect It But Don't Return It

### Tolerance's Key

So Many Have Neglected...

...the Key Ingredients

It is Found in God's

- Perception
  - Passion

#### **God's Perspective**

- <sup>36</sup> When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity *and* sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.
- <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- <sup>38</sup> So pray to the Lord of the harvest to <sup>[a]</sup>force out *and* thrust laborers into His harvest.

#### Matt 9:36-38 AMP

### God's Passion

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John

3:16 KJV

# 4 Types of Love in Great

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**Power Behind Grace** 

### Agape Explained

John 3:16

Agape is Compassion in Action "For God so loved the world..."

- Compassionate for Our Lost Situation
  - □ Compassionate About Our Sorrows

Agape is Committed to Giving "...that he gave his only son"

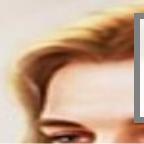
- ☐ God Committed His Son
- Jesus Committed Himself



### Only God's Love Is Selfless

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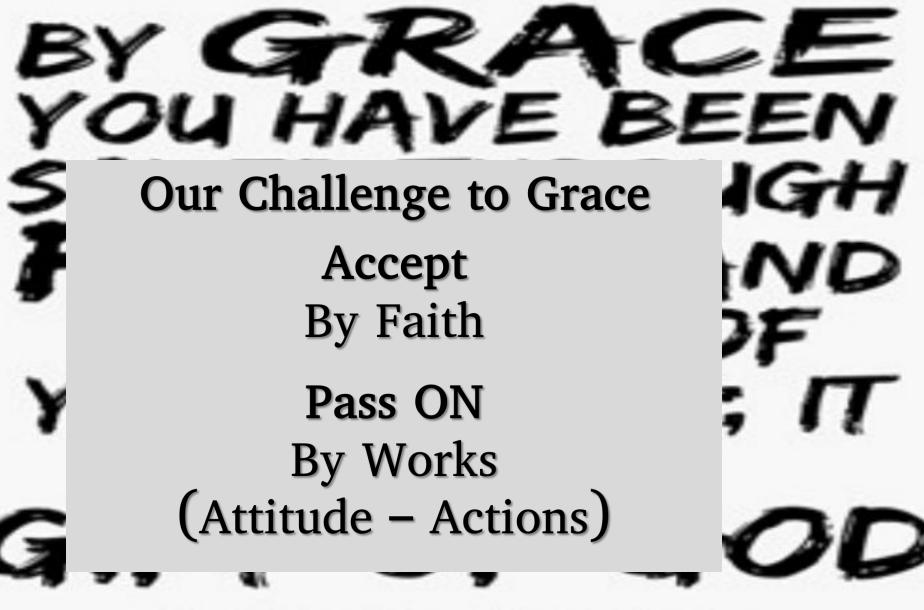
Agape is Contagious "if I be lifted up...draw all men..."

- ❖ It Can't Be Stopped
  - It Must Be Spread

BYGRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FATH AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD EPHESIANS 2:8

### BYGRACE YOU HAVE BEEN IGH Our Challenge to Grace Accept By Faith

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### My command is this:

### Love each other as I have loved you.

-John 15:12







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#### See YouTube for this video/song

mercy Me
The Love of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vq 9LpAVysbM



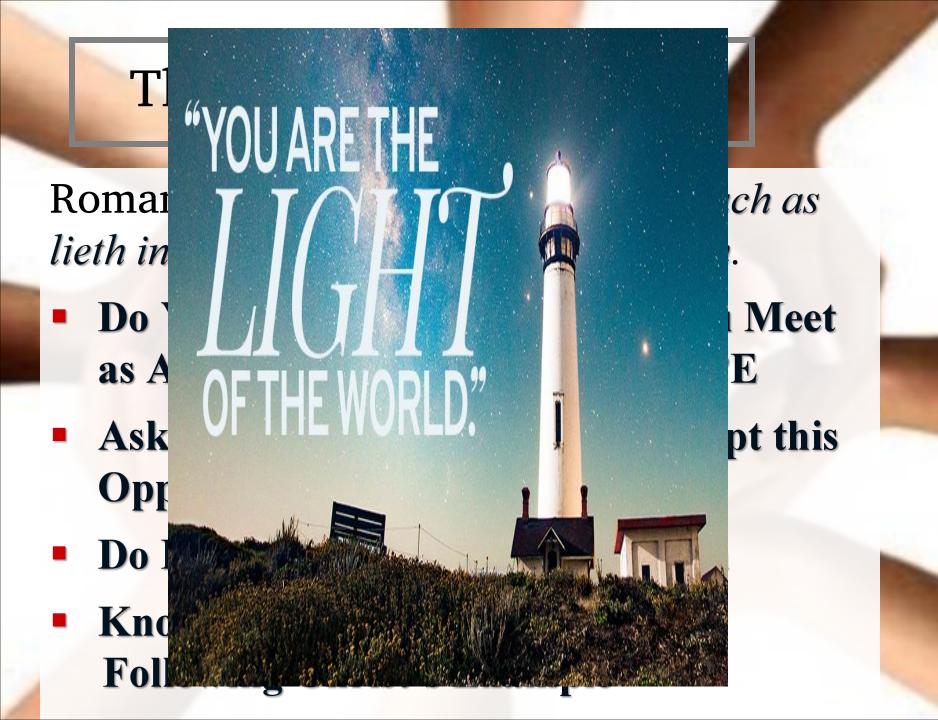
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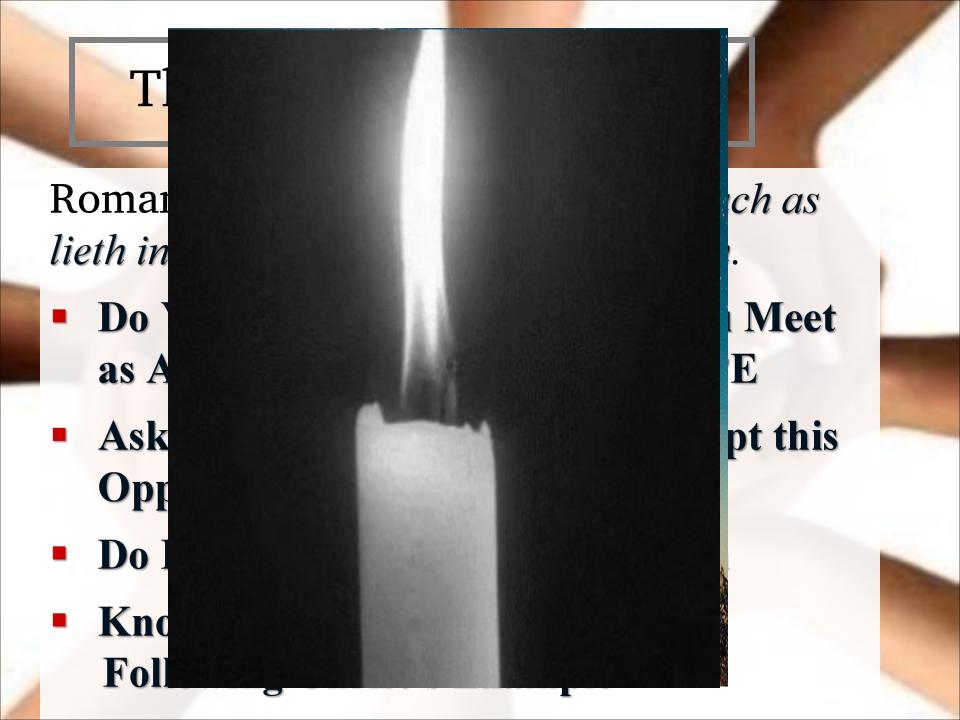
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