

God's Love = AGAPE

Agape =

An Active Determination Of Your Will

To Benefit Another...

...Without Regard

...For Your Own Benefit

Agape is the Power Behind Grace Grace is the Power Behind Ministry

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as



good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

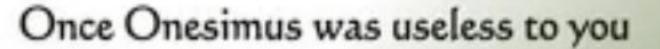
1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a special gift,

employ it in serving one another as ¹⁰ Just as each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God, employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for good stewards of God's multi-faceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor. 1 Pet 4:10

Don't Think that Grace is a

- Wild Card
- Get Out of Jail Free Card
 Grace Not Only ...
 - Forgives
 - Forges
 - Fault
 - Forms



Now he is useful to both you and me

Philemon III

Onesimus

Forgives

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Rescued – Onesimus

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God Got Involved

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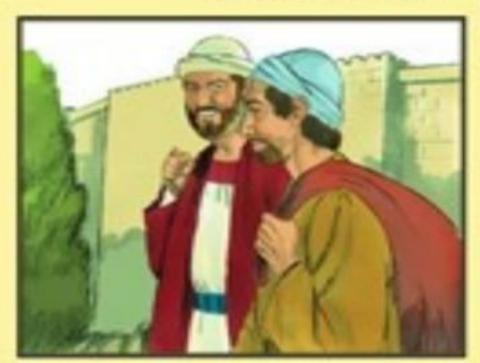
- Improved
- Interceded for
- Refined

Philemon 1:11

Forgives

Onesimus

There occurred such a sharp disagreement that Paul and Barnabas separated from one another...





and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus

Acts 15:39

Forges

Knowi

- Rescued Onesimus
 - Redirected Mark
- O By Paul for Service -not ready Acts 15:38
 Barnabas wanted to take John along, the John
 nicknamed Mark. But Paul wouldn't have him; he wasn't
 about to take along a quitter who, as soon as the going
 got tough, had jumped ship on them in Pamphylia.
 Tempers flared, and they ended up going their separate
 ways
 - Great Start
 - Great Stall
 - Great Stop

Forges

sailed away to Cyprus

But when Cephas (Peter)

came to Antioch, I protested

and opposed him to his face,



concerning his conduct there

for he was blameable and

he stood condemned

Fault

- Rescued Onesimus
- Redirected Mark
 - Rebuked– Peter

Rebuked by Paul Gal 2:11-12

¹² For he regularly ate with the Gentiles before certain men came from James. However, when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision party. 13 Then the rest of the Jews joined his hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they were deviating from the truth of the gospel, I told Cephas[a] in front of everyone, "If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel Gentiles to live like Jews?"

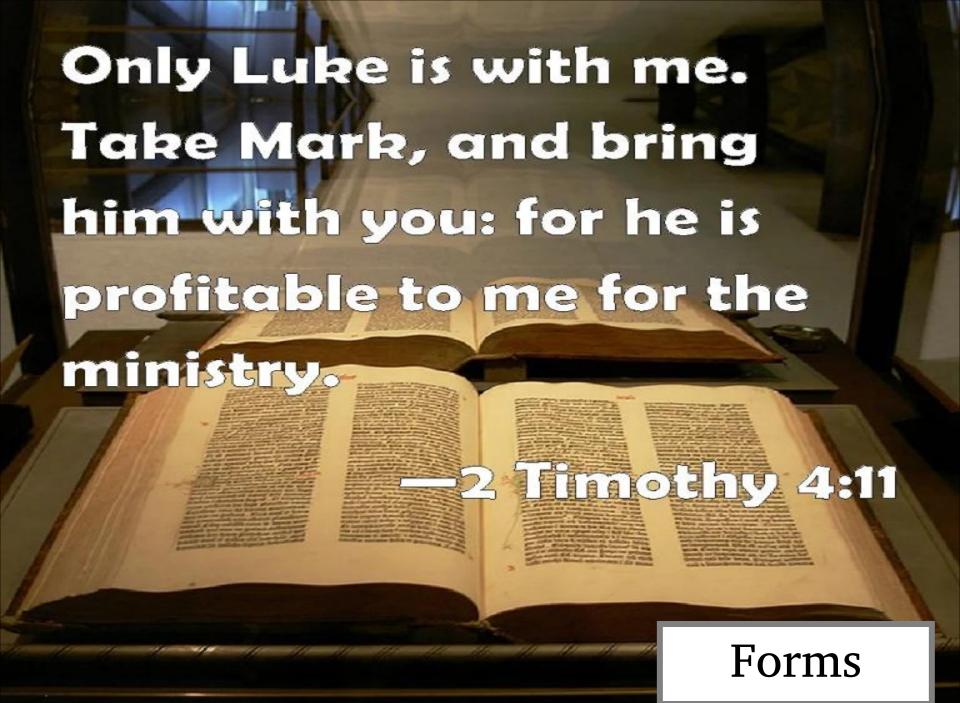
Demas, having loved this present world has deserted me

2 Timothy 4:10

Fault

- Rescued Onesimus
- Redirected Mark
- Rebuked– Peter
 - Rejected Demas
- Rejected Paul Il Tim 4:10
 for Demas, having= loved [the pleasures of] this
 present world, has deserted me and gone to
 Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to
 Dalmatia.
 - □ Forsaken= to leave in a bind, helpless
 - Hebrews 11:25-26

Fault



- Rescued Onesimus
- Redirected Mark
- Rebuked
 — Peter
- Rejected Demas

Restored -Mark

Paul Changed His Mind - 2 Tim 4:11

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

■ Mark Allowed God's Grace to Pick Him Up...
...Brush Him Off and Make Him Useful

With Grace It is Always Too Early to Quit!!!!

Forms

GET OUT OF HELL FREE

THE GIFT OF GOD

IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

ROMANS 6:23

(SEE BACK FOR DETAILS)



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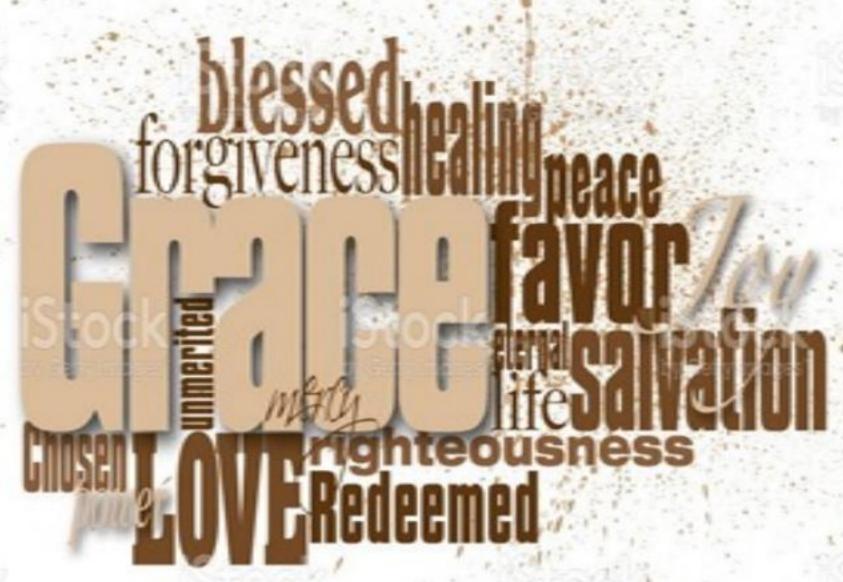
Grace Does Keep Us From Eternity in Hell

THE GIFT O

But Doesn't Stop Us From Traveling Through Hell

We Travel Through Because of ...

- Decisions (ours)
 - Development
 - Discovery



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This Weeks Challenge
Ask God to Help You See His Grace
In Its Many Facets
In Life's...Good, Bad, Uglys

Learn to Embrace God Through It All With His Grace

2 Cor 12:9

My **Grace** is **sufficient** for You, for power is perfected in weakness...

