

Edward Christian Church

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Philemon v 8-11

1 Peter 4: 10

LOVE

Lessons

Learned...

...from

Grace -

REVISITED

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

Lessons Learned from Grace Revisited

Don't Think that Grace is a

- Wild Card
- Get Out of Jail Free Card

Grace Not Only ...

- Forgives
- Forges
- Fault
- Forms

Once Onesimus was useless to you

Now he is
useful to
both you
and me

Philemon 1:11

Forgives

Onesimus



Lessons Learned from Grace Revisited

- **Rescued – *Onesimus***
- **Rough Start**
- **Rescued**
 - **God Got Involved**
 - **Imprisoned**
 - **Improved**
 - **Interceded for**
- **Refined**

Philemon 1:11

Onesimus

Forgives

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

Knowi

Forges

Lessons Learned from Grace Revisited

- **Rescued –*Onesimus***

- **Redirected –*Mark***

- **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

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



Lessons Learned from Grace Revisited

- 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?”

The background of the slide is a blurred, warm-toned photograph of a crowd of people, possibly at a religious gathering or a public event. The people are out of focus, creating a sense of a large, busy environment. Overlaid on this background are dark red, three-dimensional rectangular blocks containing text.

Demas, having loved this present world
has deserted me

2 Timothy 4:10

Fault

Lessons Learned from Grace Revisited

- Rescued – *Onesimus*
- Redirected – *Mark*
- Rebuked – *Peter*

- Rejected – *Demas*

- Rejected Paul – II 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

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

—2 Timothy 4:11

Forms

Lessons Learned from Grace Revisited

- 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)



Grace Does Keep Us From Eternity
in Hell

But Doesn't Stop Us From Traveling
Through Hell

We Travel Through Because of ...

- Decisions (ours)
- Development
- Discovery

blessed
forgiveness healing peace
GRACE favor
unmerited eternal life salvation
mercy
Chosen righteousness
power **LOVE** Redeemed

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...***

LOVE REDEEMED