

The Epistle to Philemon

Grace Changes Everything (Part 2)

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Paul _____

Philemon _____

Onesimus _____

1. Grace transforms your life v4-7

2. Grace makes _____ v8-14

Luke 22:25-26 And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’ ²⁶ “But *it is* not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.

1 Peter 5:2-3 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

Run, John, run, the law commands
But gives us neither feet nor hands,
Far better news the gospel brings:
It bids us fly and gives us wings
—John Bunyan

3. Grace sees _____ in your difficulty v15

Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Our own path through life is dark and devious, and beset with difficulties and dangers. How full of consolation is the doctrine, that infinite wisdom directs every event, brings order out of confusion, and light out of darkness, and, to those who love God, causes all things, whatever be their present aspect and apparent tendency, to work together for good. –Jerry Bridges

4. Grace _____ v16-17

Colossians 3:11 *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:13-14 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.

Slavery in the NT

1 Corinthians 7:20-22 Each man must remain in that condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you called while a slave? Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather do that. ²² For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is the Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is Christ's slave.

1 Timothy 6:2 Those who have believers as their masters must not be disrespectful to them because they are brethren, but must serve them all the more, because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and preach these *principles*.

1 Peter 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

Colossians 3:22-23 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who *merely* please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.

5. Grace comes at a _____ v18-20

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

6. Grace cannot be _____ v20-21

Real forgiveness means looking steadily at the sin that is left over after all allowances have been made, and seeing it in all its cruelty, is nevertheless wholly reconciled to the man who has done it. —C. S. Lewis

7. Grace thrives in _____ v22-24