



Philemon
Week One: Love Is Always a Choice
 By Louie Marsh, 3-6-2022

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³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philemon 1–3, ESV)

- Grace brings _____.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,” (Ephesians 2:8, ESV)

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2) I should _____ for what He’s done.

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3) I should strive to _____ to God’s Call.

*⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is **required**,” ⁹yet for love’s sake **I prefer to appeal to you**—(Philemon 8,9a, ESV)*

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²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.” (Mark 10:20–22, ESV)

6) God’s Love always give me a _____ &

Two ways to move people forward:

- Force of Law
- Command of Love

⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:7–8, ESV)

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