

HOW GRACE TRANSFORMED A MAN
And it Can Transform You Too!
(Philemon 3 -7)

- **Titus 3:3-8**

A. The PERSONAL GREETINGS (1-3)

1. The *writer* of this epistle was the apostle _____. (vs.1a)
2. The *associate* of Paul in prison was his dear companion _____. (vs.1b)
3. The *recipient* of this letter was _____. (vs.1c)
4. The *wife* of Philemon was _____, who is being personally greeted. (vs.2a)
5. The *son* of Philemon was _____, who is also specifically greeted. (vs.2b)
6. The _____ which met in Philemon's _____ is also corporately greeted. (vs.2c)
 - What does this teach us about the true nature of a local church? And what does this mean practically?
 - Why would the whole church be greeted by Paul and this letter probably read to them?
 - What does this remind us about a house?
 - **Principle #6: God can transform your relationships but He usually uses scripturally based _____ as an important part of the process.**
7. The *two-fold greeting* by Paul consisted of him desiring that these believers would enjoy daily _____ and _____. (vs.3)
 - Is there any significance to this order?
 - What is “grace” and “peace” referring to specifically in this context – 1st or 2nd tense salvation truths? And where alone does sufficient grace and inner peace come from?
 - **Principle #7: God can transform your relationships but you will need to draw upon His daily _____ and enjoy His _____ as He alone can transform your life and relationships.**

B. The PRAISE of PHILEMON ... for what God was doing in and through him. (4-7)

1. When Paul thought of Philemon, it caused him to _____ . (vs.4a)

- How is that true and not true regarding some people in your life? How about when others think of you?
- What repeatedly factored into Paul's thinking when it came to God's blessings, even of other believers?

2. His thanks for Philemon were expressed to God especially by means of _____ . (vs.4b)

- Do you do this toward God, and do you express it to others?
- How would this have encouraged Philemon?

3. What specifically caused Paul to be thankful were Philemon's ongoing _____ and his _____ . (vs.5)

- Are these important in your Christian life? How do they go together? Can someone thank God for you regarding this?
- How did Paul know of this about Philemon? Was this appropriate to know or not? What should you remember about your privacy and the privacy of others?

4. Paul specific request for Philemon was that "the _____ of your _____ may become more _____ toward others by him gaining an _____ of every good _____ which belongs to him _____ ." (vs.6)

- Note how one's vertical walk of faith and spiritual growth in grace based upon their position and possessions in Christ overflows toward others for their blessing and Christ's glory:
- How would this very thing be encouraged by Paul and hopefully embrace by Philemon before this letter is over?

5. Paul experienced _____ and _____ in Philemon's _____ for the saints because the _____ of the saints had been spiritually _____ by him allowing God to use him as an _____ for the blessing of others. (vs.7)

- What can you learn from this?