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FOR LOVE'S SAKE...REFRESH MY HEART

PHILEMON: LESSONS FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO A FRIEND

PART 5

"ACCEPTED!"

"Welcome Home...for Good"

(The Story of Grace; Philemon 15, 16; Ephesians 2)

INTRODUCTION:

"For perhaps he was for this reason separated from you for a while, that you would have him back forever, no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord."

—Philemon 15, 16

- *The gospel not only transforms **tomorrow** (eternity), but **today**. For it brings the **future** into the **present**.*

ONESIMUS' IDENTITY HAD BEEN SHAPED ENTIRELY BY HIS STATUS AS A SLAVE:

1. It was an _____ term, _____.
2. It was an _____ term, _____.
3. It was an _____ term, _____.

ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED... (PHILEMON'S NEW REALITY)

*"To the praise of the glory of his grace,
wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."*

—Ephesians 1:6 (KJV)

1A. _____...THROUGH HIS INFINITE MERCY! (Ephesians 2:1-10)

1B. The Amazing _____ which we have been Delivered (v. 1-3)

- It answers the question, " _____ did He save us?"

2B. The Amazing _____ which we have been Delivered (v. 4-6)

- It answers the question, " _____ did He save us?"

3B. The Amazing _____ which we have been Delivered (v. 7-9)

- It answers the question, " _____ did He save us?"

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4B. The Amazing _____ which we have been Delivered (v. 10)

- It answers the question, “ _____ did He save us?”

2A. _____ ... **HIS CHILD AND FOREVER I AM!** (Ephesians 2:11-22)

1B. **Remember What** _____ (“Formerly”): _____ (2:11, 12)

“Therefore **remember that formerly ... remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”**

2B. **Recognize What** _____ (“But now”): _____ (2:13-18)

1C. The _____ **has been removed.** (v. 13)

“But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were **far off have been brought near** by the blood of Christ.”

2C. The _____ **has been removed.** (v. 14)

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and **broke down the barrier of the dividing wall...**”

3C. The _____ **has been removed.** (v. 15a, 16, 17)

“...by **abolishing in His flesh the enmity...**”

4C. The _____ **has been removed.** (v. 15b, 18)

“...so that in Himself He might **make the two into one new man...** for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.”

3B. **Realize What** _____ (“So then”): _____ (2:19-22)

1C. ...in God's new _____ . (v. 19a)

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens saints...”

2C. ...in God's new _____ . (v. 19b)

“...and are of God's household...”

3C. ...in God's new _____ . (v. 20-22)

“...in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”

CONCLUSION: