

Grace over Judgement

Scripture Reading: Philemon 8-16

Opening Question: Did you ever have to face a consequence even though you got away with doing wrong?

Paul mentored and disciplined people who he saw as his own children: *1 Timothy 1:2, Titus 1:4, 1 Corinthians 4:14-15*

Onesimus was known in Colossae: *Colossians 4:7-9*

As Christians, we are all one in Christ: *Galatians 3:28*

$$\frac{\text{Reconciliation}}{\text{Retribution}} = \frac{\text{Grace}}{\text{Judgement}}$$

Closing Question: How can we seek God's grace and exhibit grace to others?

Closing Reference Verses: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

"Just as we go from useless to useful[1], from lost to found[2], and from death to life[3], we also go from slave and sinner to brother and sister in Christ[4], and from the retribution of sin to reconciliation through Christ[5]. Through Christ, it is reconciliation over retribution[6], which in turn, is God's grace over judgment[7]."

[1] Philemon 1:11; [2] Luke 15:24; [3] John 5:24; [4] Galatians 3:28, Romans 6:6, Hebrews 2:11; [5] 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; [6] Romans 5:10; [7] Ephesians 2:8-9, James 2:13.