

What
GRACE
 is All About



GOD'S LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

September 23 & 24, 2023

Jeremiah 31:3b (GW)

I love you with an everlasting love.

- **God's love is unconditional.**
- **God's love is a gift.**
- **God's love is forever.**

John 3:16 (NLT)

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

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See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

John 13:35 (NLT)

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

- **God's love brings unity.**

Colossians 3:13–15 (NLT)

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

GOD'S LOVE UNIFIES OUR CHURCH WHEN I:

1 Start actively loving my church family.

Colossians 1:7b (NLT)

Our beloved...

Ephesians 4:1–3 (NLT)

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

How do I actively love my church family?

- In gentle humility (2a)
- In complete patience (2b)
- In total agreement (3a)
- In peaceful harmony (3b)

2 Share the Good News of Jesus with the lost.

Colossians 1:7a (NLT)

You learned about the Good News from Epaphras...

Ephesians 4:4–7 (NLT)

For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all. However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

How do I share the Good News with the lost?

- **Be trained to share the gospel in our Education Classes.**
 - *How to Share My Faith* class on November 5th at 11:00am
- **Bring someone with you who needs to hear the clear gospel.**
- **Begin asking them to attend church or watch online.**
- **Believe in and give to our global work.**
 - Shawi Peru Mission, Compassion International, Youth with A Mission (YWAM), Finish the Task, etc.

3

Serve my church by volunteering for ministries I'm SHAPEd for.

Colossians 1:7c (NLT)

He is Christ's faithful servant...

Ephesians 4:12–14 (NLT)

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

How to volunteer in ministries I'm SHAPEd for:

- **Go to all the Membership Classes.** (Starting October 1st)
- **Get a SHAPE Session done after the 301 Class.**
- **Give 3 hours extra a week.**

4

Surrender my desires for the best interest of my church family.

Colossians 1:7d-8 (NLT)

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Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

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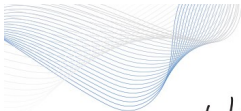
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Luke 9:22 (NLT)

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