

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Sharing Grace

1 Corinthians 15:10

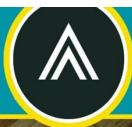
In the previous verse, Paul described himself as unworthy of the title "apostle" of Jesus Christ. After all, he oversaw the imprisonment and death of Christians in his eager attempts to wipe out faith in Christ after Jesus' resurrection from the dead and return to heaven. Why would God ever choose Paul to represent Christ to the world?

Paul takes no credit for the turnaround. Christ confronted him on his way to persecute more Christians and converted Paul to faith in Christ, commissioning him to take the gospel to the world, especially to Gentiles (Acts 9:3–6; 22:6–11). Clearly, Christ did not do this because Paul had earned it or proven himself worthy. Paul had proven himself opposed to Christ and all who followed Him.

Paul declares now that it is only by God's grace that he became what he was: Christ's messenger. Grace is the gift of a good thing that is unearned. Paul did not reform himself and start over. He was transformed and sent out.

God's grace was not wasted on Paul, he adds. He is not bragging when he says that he responded to God's grace through faith in Christ by giving himself heart, soul, mind, and body to the mission he received. He insists that he worked harder than any of the other apostles who came to their position in a more natural way, quickly adding that he does not take credit even for his focus and work ethic. His ability to do that also came from God's grace.

Resource: Bibleref.com



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Sharon Mihill | Papua New Guinea



PRAISE

- Praise the Lord for the encouragement, love, and support for Sharon in the recent loss of her mother.

- Praise the Lord for the ability to come home and for his timing and for all of the people who steps in to continue to minister while Sharon was away.

PRAY

- Pray for Sharon as she travels back to Kavieng.

- Pray for the Madak Church. Benton is struggling and it looks like some of the New Ireland elders will need to step in. Pray for Benton and Gloria. Pray that God uses this opportunity for growth.

KEY VERSE

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I Corinthians 15:9-11; I Peter 4:10; Romans 12:4-6a

Share Grace With Your Spiritual Gifts

1. In paragraph 1 on pg. 1 Paul labels himself as “*not worthy*” of the title “*apostle*” of Jesus Christ. Why did he describe himself this way?
2. As believers, what responsibility is I Peter 4:10 calling us to regarding the use of our “*gifts*”?

Tuesday: II Cor. 8:1-2; II Cor. 8:7; II Cor. 8:9; II Cori. 9:7-8

Share Grace With Your Generous Giving

3. II Corinthians 8:7 states “*But as you abound in everything*” we are to “*abound in this grace also*” How does II Corinthians 8:9 relate to this verse?
4. II Corinthians 9:7-8 calls us to give “*not grudgingly or of necessity.*” In doing so what promise does God make to those who are “*cheerful givers*”?

Wednesday: Proverbs 18:21a; Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:6

Share Grace With Your Positive Communication

5. What lesson does Proverbs 18:21 teach us in regard to how we speak?
6. Both Ephesians 4:29 and Colossians 4:6 educate us on how we should and should not speak to one another. How well do YOU follow these verses?

Thursday: Acts 20:24; II Corinthians 4:15; Acts 4:33; Luke 14:23

Share Grace With Your Bold Witness

7. In Acts 20:24 Paul states “*nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy...*” Who is Paul giving glory to in this verse?
8. What steps do YOU take to share the Gospel with “*the many*” you encounter that in turn “*may cause glory to abound to the glory of God*”?
9. Easter is upon us! It is a time when many are turned toward the question of their faith. Can YOU make a plan to answer the call in Luke 14:23?

Friday: I Cor.1:4; Tit.:2:11; II Pet.3:18; II Cor.12:9; Rom.6:14

Share Grace With A Thankful Attitude

10. Paul sets the example for us again with his prayer in I Corinthians 1:4. “*I thank my God*” are his beginning words. What is he teaching us?
11. In II Peter we are called to “*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*”? How are YOU executing this on a daily basis?
12. What comfort does Romans 6:14 give us in being under his “*grace*”?