

- a. Resources for further study.

Commentaries

Ephesians, Peter T. O'Brien (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; 1999). The Pillar New Testament Commentary series.

Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon, William Hendricksen (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House; 1967). Baker New Testament Commentary series.

Reference books

An Introduction to the New Testament, D.A. Carson, Doug Moo, Leon Morris (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing; 1992).

- b. Paul's apostleship was by and for Christ. Our salvation, as we'll see in future passages in Ephesians, is by and for Christ as well.

How we act, as if we aren't disciples **by** Christ, is more clearly seen in that we don't always act as if we are disciples **for** Christ.

So, work backwards: how do we act as if we aren't disciples **for** Christ? That, instead we are here **for** ourselves?

- c. Grace is the foundational relational character of our lives. It is the "attitude" of our relationships. It is the pen that colors everything.

Grace comes from the verb "rejoice." Are you regularly working to bring joy to others? Do you confront the sin that entangles (Hebrews 12:1)? Do you overlook offenses (Proverbs 19:11)?

- d. Ken Sande's book *The Peacemaker* (and corresponding website: www.peacemaker.net) writes concerning overcoming peace-faking. Study the following texts to get an idea of what this may mean:

Prov. 28:13; Eph. 4:32; Matt. 5:23-24; 18:15; John 3:1-21; 4:1-26; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; Dan. 1:1-16; Phil. 2:3-4; Matt. 18:16-20; 1 Cor. 6:1-8; Acts 15:1-35

- e. Do a survey. Ask a significant other (spouse and / or close friend) to tell you if they think you are a peace-maker, peace-breaker or peace-faker.