

The Truth that Paul stood for lives on because Paul escaped!

In November 1971 I took this picture in Damascus, Syria. This is not the real wall. The Guide told us it was built to commemorate the window in a wall, the story about Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:32.

2 Corinthians 11:32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

A modern reminder ~ Grace did it again.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, God preserves Truth in all generations. It does not matter how corrupt man gets God's Truth is preserved **above it all**. God's Word is **never buried**. It is always on top for all to see and recognize. It is not God's will that any should perish. Man is carried away in his own lust

Depression is caused by falling into temptation. Man buries himself in his sins. It is the result of neglect. He really knows better. In the judgment he will have no excuse. God has made a way of escape from every temptation. There is a window of escape in the wall of every temptation. **That window is a window of Grace.** Grace is given before obedience. Grace is God extending mercy while the sinner continues to sin. Grace is given to get our attention. Grace is God extending His hand to the sinner. The sinner can reject it and more often than not does reject it. Grace is an open door. Grace is God saying, I will, if you will obey my word.

John 6:37 him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. That is a decision God made on His own. If an enemy of God sincerely asks for forgiveness God will forgive him. That is MERCY. Next comes obedience. If you do not obey His word mercy is rescinded.

Samson fell into sin. Delilah cut off his hair. But the mercy of God followed the razor. Samson repented immediately, therefore his hair never did cease to grow. Judges 16:22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven. He paid for his sins but his love for God did not cease and God's mercy followed him. His strength came back.

Judges 16:25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, **Call for Samson**, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may **feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.**

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, **only this once**, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

Hebrews 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of **Samson**, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, **out of weakness were made strong**, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

There is a Window in every wall of temptation.