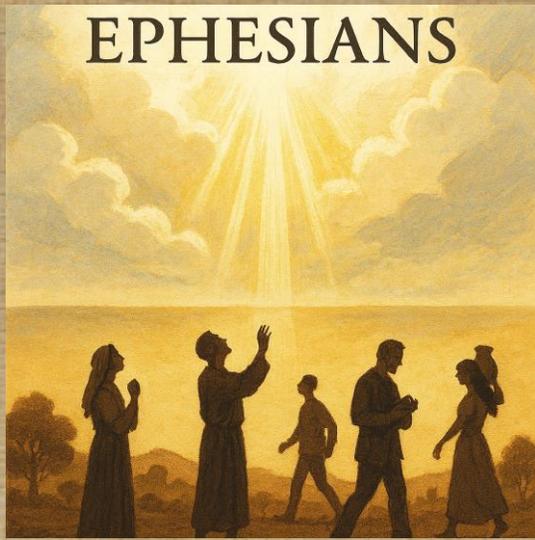




- **We are eternal spiritual beings living in a temporary earthly realm.**
- **Goal: Explore the heavenly realms described in Ephesians and review scriptures in light of what we learn.**

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Heavenly Realms

Ephesians 1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12

Heavenly
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Heavenly
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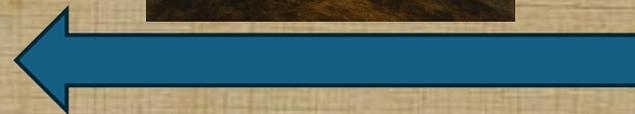
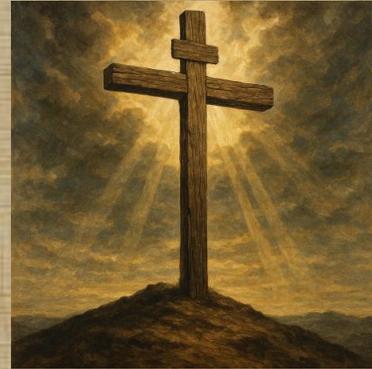
God's Creation

Physical Realms are subsets of Heavenly Realms

Forgiven Sinners

Heavenly
Realm
Aligned
with God

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Through grace
and the gift of
Jesus we are
aligned with
God.

Sinners

Heavenly
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Ephesians and the terminology heavenly realms

- The term “heavenly realms” is used for a single Greek word *epouranios* (ἐπουρανίους) . Five times in Ephesians. (NIV)
- The second word “realms” (NIV) is added to make a distinction from the dwelling place of God.
- Ephesians 6:12 includes spirits not aligned with god in the verse therefore *epouranios in this sense is not the dwelling place of God.*
- *KJV uses heavenly places in the first four occurrences, these are aligned with God and uses High places as a distinction for the dwelling place of spirits not aligned with God.*
- *A personal view to describe epouranios as “Spiritual Realms’ will allow heaven to be used as the dwelling place of God.*

Ephesians and the terminology heavenly realms

Inflections

ἐπουράνια — 3x

ἐπουρανόις — 5x Ephesians

ἐπουράνιος — 1x

ἐπουρανίῳ — 1x

ἐπουράνιοι — 1x

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ἐπουρανίου — 4x

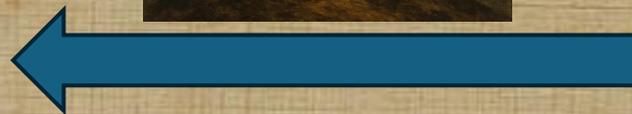
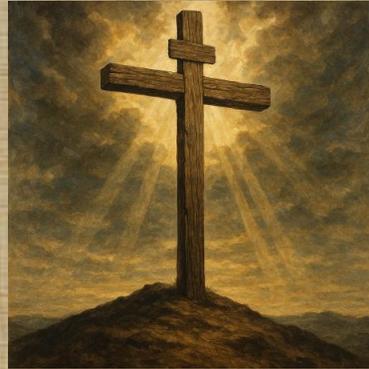
ἐπουρανίων — 3x

Physical Realms are subsets of Spiritual Realms

Heavenly Places KJV

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High Places KJV

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Book of Ephesians

- **Heavenly Realms** ← 12/7
- **The Prayer in Chapter 1, Faith and Grace** ← 12/21
- **Spiritual Tools and Heavenly Armor**
- **Spiritual Blessings in Christ** ← 12/14 Chapter 1
- **Made Alive in Christ**
- **The New Spiritual Humanity**
- **The Cornerstone and the New Building**
- **Love that is wide, long, and high. The infinite God**
- **Worthy calling - Unity and oneness _**
- **Futile thinking contrasted with Wisdom and Discretion**
- **Quirky things about Ephesians, The Colossian Heresy, Papyrus 46**
- **Christian Living Impacting Relationships.**

Physical Realms are subsets of Spiritual Realms

Spiritual Realm
Aligned with God

Physical Realm
Aligned with God

Conceptual
Relational



Bound by
time (also
history and
geography)



Spiritual Realm
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When time is
no more the
Physical
Realms we
know about
disappear

- I believe in a hill called Mount Calvary
I believe whatever the cost
And when time has surrendered
And Earth is no more
I'll still cling to the old rugged cross



Spiritual Realms

Ephesians 3:10 (conceptually / historically)

Heavenly
Good news

Conceptual
and relational
change

Spiritual
Realm
Aligned
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Plots to kill
Jesus as a
baby and
eliminate him
with
crucifixion

Spiritual Realms

Spiritual Realm
Aligned with God

Physical Realm
Aligned with God

John 3 16

loved
believes
shall not perish
eternal life
not condemned,



Eph 2:4

love
Mercy
ALIVE
Grace
Raised

Eph 2:4

Seated with Christ
Incomparable riches
kindness

John3: 18b

does not believe
condemned

Eph 2:1

DEAD
transgressions
sin
worldly
disobedient

Eph 2:1

Fleshly
wrath

CURSES

Spiritual Realm Not Aligned with God

Physical Realm Not Aligned with God

Expand lists by inference



What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- ⁴ For he chose us **in him** before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.



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What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- ⁵ he **predestined** us for **adoption** to **sonship** through **Jesus Christ**, in accordance with **his pleasure and will**— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious **grace**, which he has **freely given us** in the One he loves.



What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- ⁷ In him we have **redemption** through his **blood**, the **forgiveness of sins**, in accordance with the **riches of God's grace** ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all **wisdom and understanding**,



What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- ⁹ he **made known** to us the **mystery** of his will according to **his good pleasure**, which he **purposed in Christ**, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their **fulfillment**—to bring **unity** to all things in **heaven and on earth under Christ**.



What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- ¹¹ **In him** we were also **chosen**, having been **predestined** according to the **plan** of him who works out everything in conformity with the **purpose of his will**, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our **hope in Christ**, might be for the **praise of his glory**.



What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- ¹³ And you also were **included in Christ** when you heard the **message of truth**, the **gospel** of your **salvation**. When you **believed**, you were **marked** in him with a seal, the **promised Holy Spirit**, ¹⁴ who is a **deposit** guaranteeing our **inheritance** until the redemption of those who are **God's possession**—to the **praise of his glory**.

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blessings mentioned in the prayer

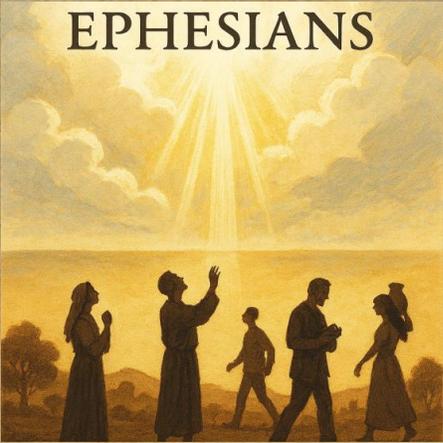
- Eph 1:15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your **faith** in the **Lord Jesus** and your **love** for all **God's people**, ¹⁶ I have not stopped **giving thanks** for you, **remembering** you in my **prayers**. ¹⁷ I keep **asking** that the God of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, the **glorious Father**, may **give** you the spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation**, so that you may **know** him better.

blessings mentioned in the prayer

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blessings mentioned in the prayer

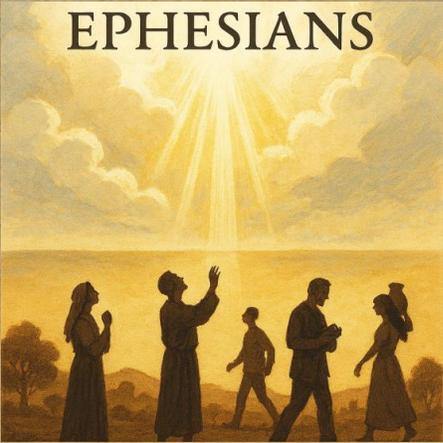
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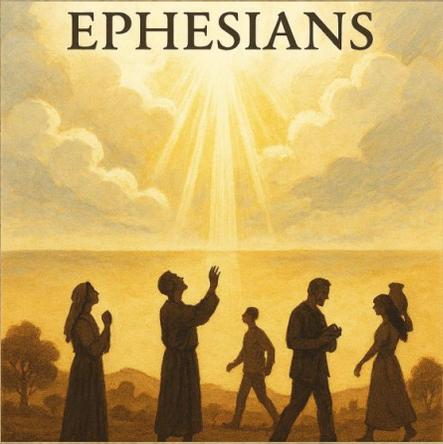
- ²² And **God** placed all things under **his** feet and appointed him to be **head over everything** for the **church**, ²³ which is his **body**, the **fullness of him who fills everything in every way**



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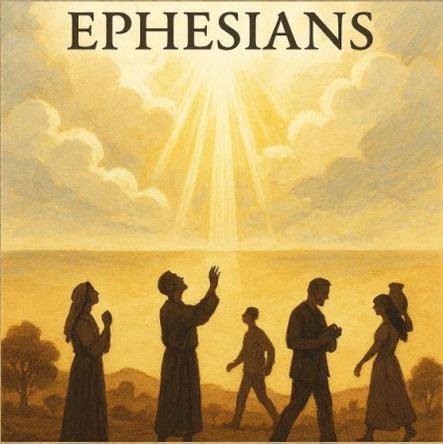
Progressive Actions and prayer detail

- **REWIND** and look at progressive action and the prayer detail



Progressive Actions

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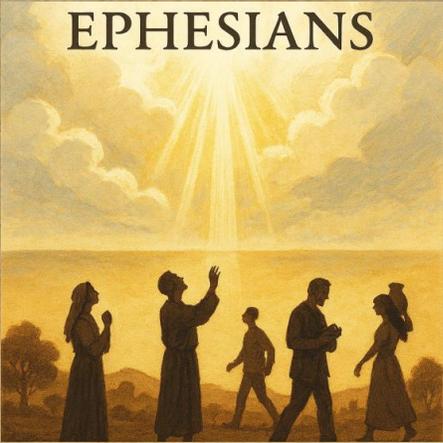


Progressive Actions + WHAT IS TO BE KNOWN

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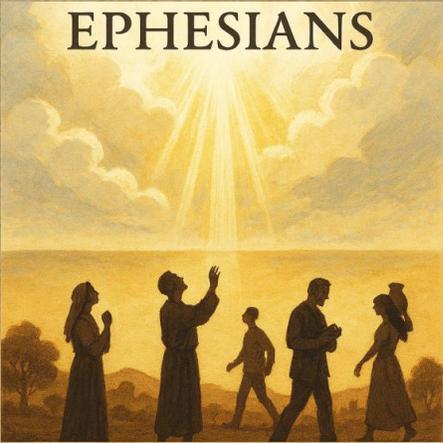
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WHAT IS TO BE KNOWN

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Other Ways of saying Giving Thanks

EPH 1:15-16

Spiritual
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faith

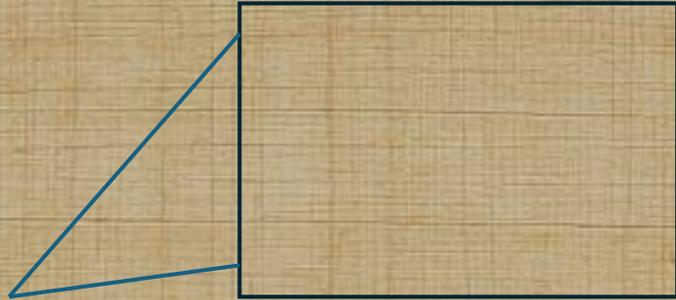
Lord Jesus

Love

**God's people
giving thanks**

remembering you in my prayers.

Spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation**, so that you may **know him**



Physical
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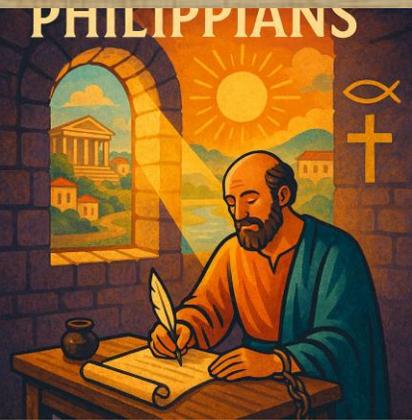
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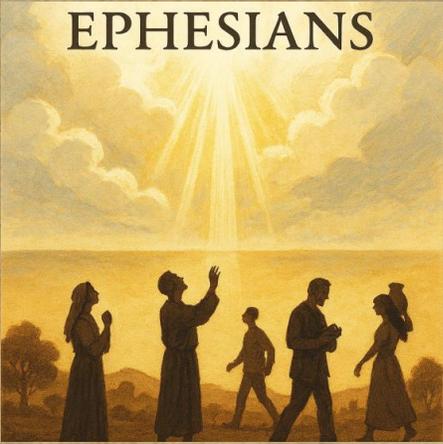
Attributes of one giving thanks



Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

- **Philippians 1:9** And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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Ephesians Chapter 2

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Spiritual Realms

BLESSINGS
Grace

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us **alive** with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

2 As for you, you were **dead** in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed **the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit** who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh^[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of **wrath**

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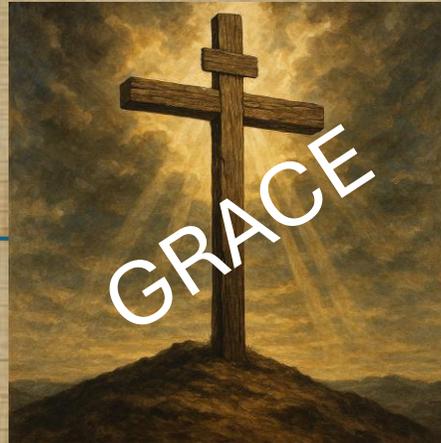
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ALIVE



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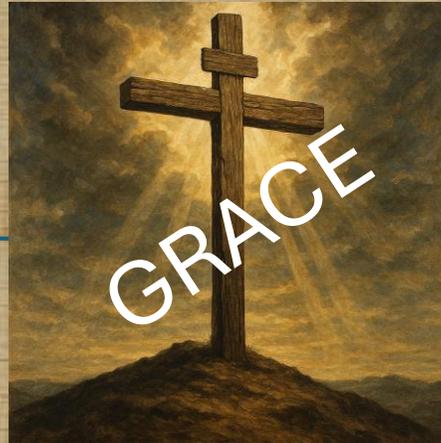
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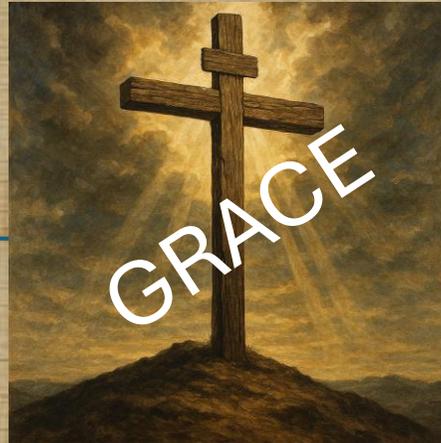
The only way to move out of the realm not aligned with God to the Realm aligned with God is through Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Realms

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John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.”

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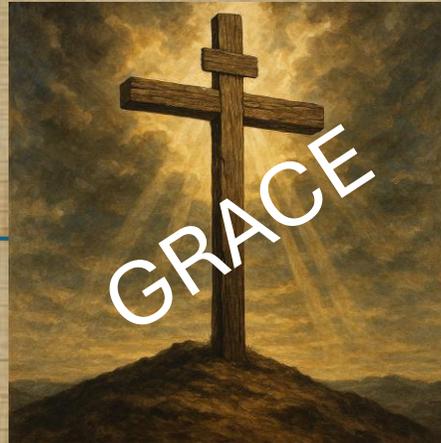
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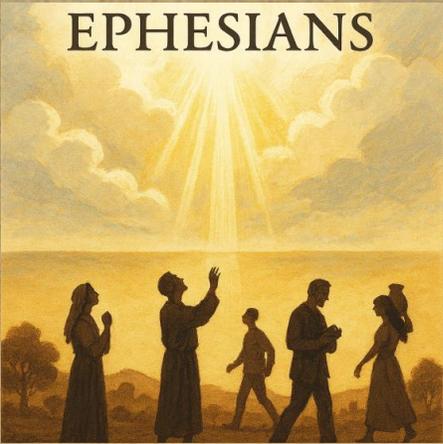
John 10:9 I am the door (gate) ; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

- Did the recipients of Paul's letter already know about grace?
- Why does Paul mention grace again?
- How does this grace align with the theme of chapter 1?

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Grace Through Faith

- Ephesians 2:8 For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through **faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

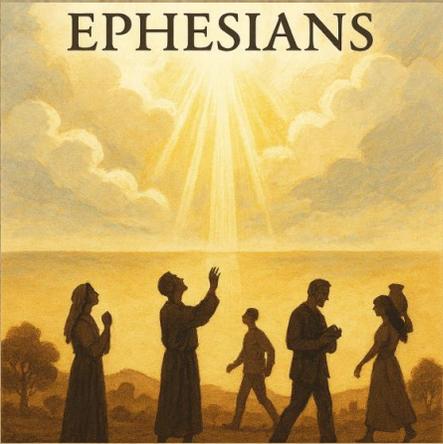


Grace in Chapter 3

- ² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

Grace in Chapter 3

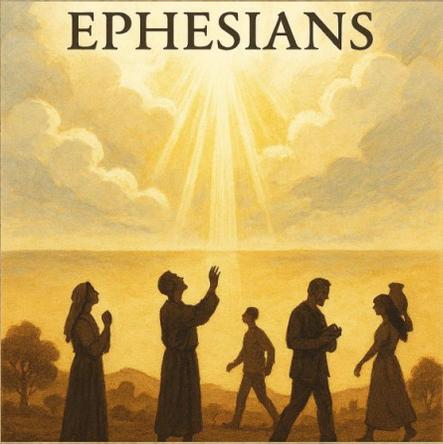
- ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's **grace** given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this **grace** was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all thing



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Faith Chapter 3

- ¹² In him (Christ) and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.
- Relational aspect of faith.

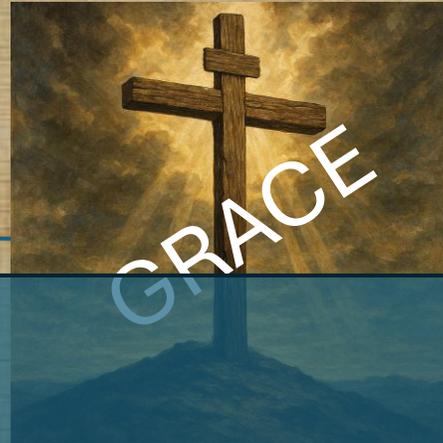


Spiritual Realms

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Physical
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ALIVE



DEAD

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Without faith the available grace is hidden from the non-believer locking them in a realm not aligned with God

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ALIVE



DEAD

Eph 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. **19** Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed..

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Spiritual Realms

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¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; ¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves up to indecent behavior for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

Even in this terrible state of separation, not aligned with God, Grace can be unveiled and lives changed by the Gospel

Spiritual Realms

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LOST

CONDEMNED

Even in this terrible state of separation, not aligned with God, Grace can be unveiled and lives changed by the Gospel. The Gospel is the story of Grace

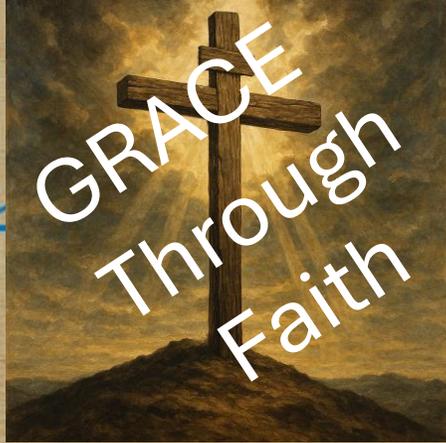
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ALIVE

FOUND

SAVED

-it is by grace you have been saved.

Faith in Jesus allows us to remove the things once
Hiding the Grace and Gospel from us. We are alive!

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text

text me

texting

faith

faithing

Faithing

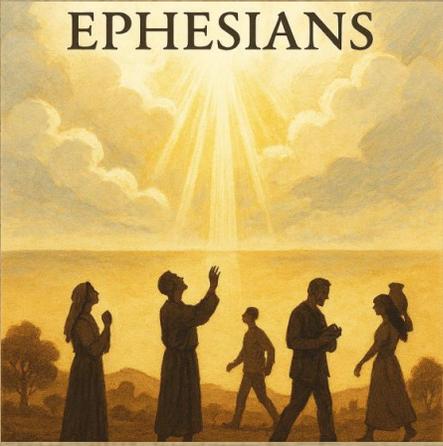
Faith as a verb
(via participle)

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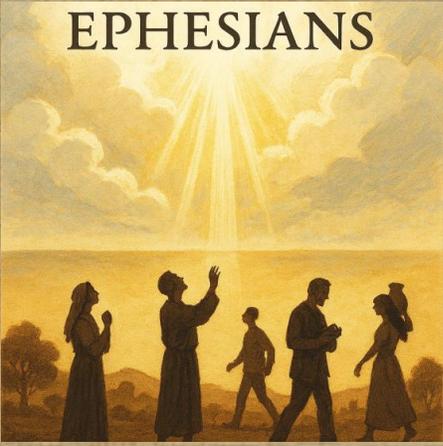
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- What Has Paul established in chapters 1 and 2 ?

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- Impacts of reviewing blessings, *ALIVE* and Grace?

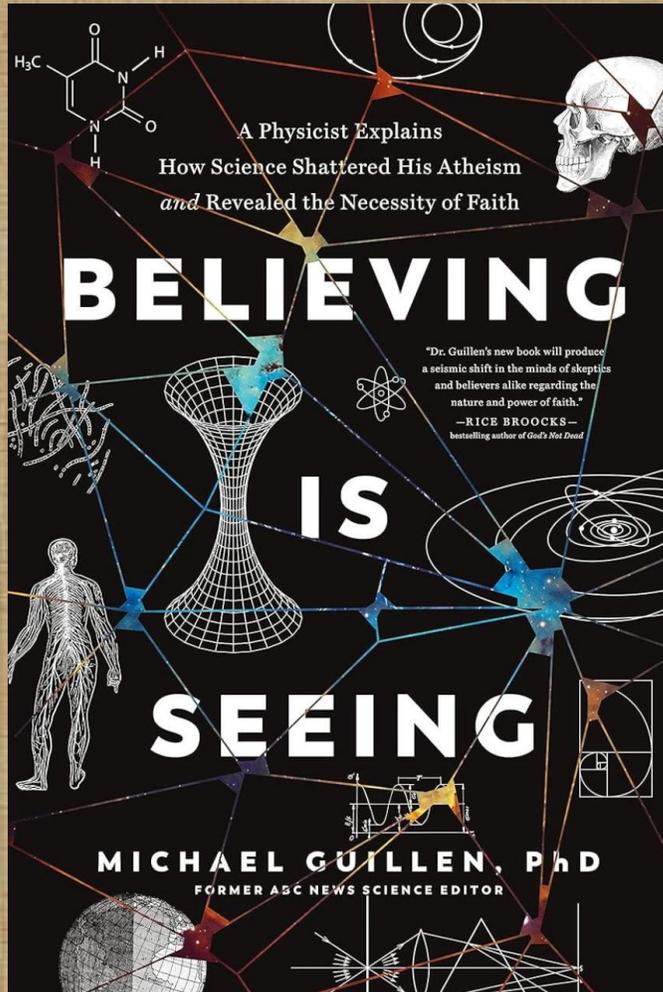
Observations

- Grace and faith are tightly linked.
- The Gospel and grace are tightly linked.
- Without faith grace is hidden. Believing is seeing.
- Faith can be learned
- Counting Blessings, especially Grace, strengthens Faith

Atheist to Believer

- C.S. Lewis “Mere Christianity”
- Anthony Flew “There Is a God”
- Lee Strobel “The Case for Christ”
- Michael Guillen “Believing is Seeing”

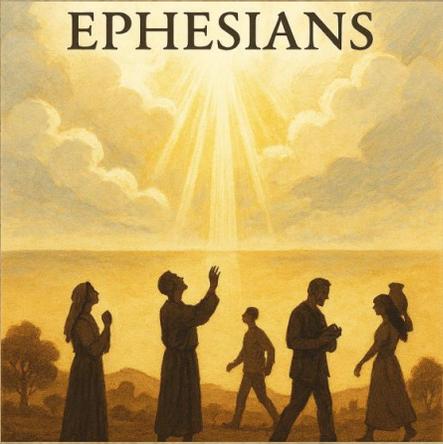
Atheist to Christian _ Michael Guillen



Take a journey with a PHD physicist looking at the world and perceiving that science supports the existence of God. Believing there is a God, he pursued many world religions and found that only Christianity as a suitable choice. Tracing physics from subatomic particles to cosmology he witnesses God.

Numerous bible passages are included at length adding credence to the science and bible connections.

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Lessons son file at:

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Paul's Letter Openings

Epistle	To	From	"Apostle"	"Servant"	Grace and Peace	Gives Thanks
Romans	all in Rome	Paul	v1	v1	v7	v8
1 Corinthians	church in Corinth	Paul & Sosthenes	v1	x	v3	v4
2 Corinthians	church in Corinth	Paul & Timothy	v1	x	v2	x
Galatians	churches in Galatia	Paul & brothers & sisters	v1	x	v3	x
Ephesians	holy people in Ephesus	Paul	v1	x	v2	v16

Paul's Letter Openings

Epistle	To	From	"Apostle"	"Servant"	Grace and Peace	Gives Thanks
Philippians	holy people in Philippi	Paul & Timothy	x	x	v2	v3
Colossians	holy people in Colossae	Paul & Timothy	v1	x	v2	v3
1 Thessalonians	church of the Thessalonians	Paul, Silas, Timothy	x	x	v1	v2
2 Thessalonians	church of the Thessalonians	Paul, Silas, Timothy	x	x	v1	v2

Paul's Letter Openings

Epistle	To	From	"Apostle"	"Servant"	Grace and Peace	Gives Thanks
1 Timothy	Timothy my true son	Paul	v1	x	GMP	v12 C*
2 Timothy	Timothy my dear son	Paul	v1	x	GMP	v3 G*
Titus	Titus my true son	Paul	v1	v1	v4	x
Philemon	Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and church that meets in your home	Paul & Timothy	x	prisoner v1	v3	v4