

“Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits on the undeserving.”

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Former Condition

1, And **you** were **dead** in your trespasses and sins

Gen. 2:16-17, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

2-3, in which you **formerly walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

1 Jn. 5:19, The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Gal. 5:19-21, Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.

Jn. 3:36, Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Present Condition

4-6, But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of His **great love** with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and **raised us up** with Him, and **seated us** with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

Jn. 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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Future Prospect

7, so that in the ages to come He might **show** the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

“Both men and angels will marvel throughout eternity at what God has done.”

Explanation

8, For by **grace** you **have been saved** through faith;
and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
9, not as a result of works, so that no one may
boast.

10, For we are His **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.