



EPHESIANS 2

THE AUDIENCE CHAMBER OF THE KING

A place where we come to meet the King



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

EPHESIANS 1:3



And remember!

**The church
is not peripheral to the world;
the world is peripheral to the church.
The church is Christ's body,
in which He speaks and acts,
by which He fills everything with His presence.**





Why are we allowed into the Holy of Holies?

Matthew 27:50-51

⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice,
he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two
from top to bottom.





¹⁻⁶It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. **You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live.** You filled your lungs with **polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience.** We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. **Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ.** He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.



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

GRACE?

What is it?

Grace in this context is something that is God-given, made possible only by Jesus Christ and none other. It is God's gift of salvation granted to sinners for their salvation.

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GOD'S GRACE ENABLES ME

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I KNOW IT'S THE SPIRIT
WHO'S AT WORK WITHIN ME
'CAUSE I CAN'T DO THESE THINGS
BY MYSELF
I HAVE TRIED AND I'VE TRIED
BUT IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME
ON MY OWN
EVERYTHING IS A MESS
I GIVE PRAISE TO MY LORD
I GIVE PRAISE TO MY KING
I GIVE GLORY AND HONOR
TO GOD
FOR IT'S HIM AND NOT ME
THIS I CLEARLY DO SEE
IT'S HIS GRACE
THAT ENABLES ME



Great Gift – Ephesians 2:8, Romans 5:15

Richest Gift – Ephesians 1:17, 2:7, 2 Corinthians 8:9

Acceptable Gift – Ephesians 1:6, 1 Timothy 1:15

Complete Gift – Colossians 2:10, Romans 8:32

Eternal Gift – Romans 5:20-21, 6:23





7-10 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. **Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it.** It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. **He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.**



Doing God's work?



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God's work. Our hands.

Ephesians 6:7-8

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.



JUST REMEMBER!

¹¹⁻¹³But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. **Now because of Christ—dying that death**, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether **are in on everything.**



14-15 The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, **both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders**. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.



16-18 Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. **The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility.** Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. **Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.**





19-22 That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, **with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home.** He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. **He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you,** fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a **holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home**



And as He reminds us how we were allowed into His presence?

We are now allowed to enter the Throne Room - Ephesians 3

What will we find in this next room?

Paul says

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father”

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