

# *We are the Holy Temple of the Living God.*

*Living Word Community Fellowship*

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## *Ephesians 2:4-10*

*<sup>4</sup> But God, <sup>i</sup>who is rich in mercy, because of His <sup>j</sup>great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> <sup>k</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, <sup>l</sup>made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together <sup>m</sup>in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in <sup>m</sup>His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> <sup>o</sup>For by grace you have been saved <sup>p</sup>through faith, and that not of yourselves; <sup>q</sup>it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of <sup>r</sup>works, lest anyone should <sup>s</sup>boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are <sup>t</sup>His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

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<sup>i</sup> Ps. 103:8–11; Rom. 10:12

<sup>j</sup> John 3:16; 1 John 4:9, 10

<sup>k</sup> Rom. 5:6, 8

<sup>l</sup> [Rom. 6:4, 5]

<sup>m</sup> Eph. 1:20

<sup>n</sup> Titus 3:4

<sup>o</sup> [2 Tim. 1:9]

<sup>p</sup> Rom. 4:16

<sup>q</sup> [John 1:12, 13]

<sup>r</sup> Rom. 4:4, 5; 11:6

<sup>s</sup> Rom. 3:27

<sup>t</sup> Is. 19:25

- **God’s mercy and great love toward us. Revelation of His love needed.**
- **The Grace the expression of His Love and the result of our position in Christ in Heavenly places.**
- **That heavenly position is for now so that in the ages to come we are able to be the witness of is love and grace.**
- **That our position is only obtained by Grace and through Faith in that Grace.**
- **It is by Faith in that Grace (Repeat)**
- **Believe in that grace, walk in that grace and there is nothing that we can do to earn a position, it is by grace and grace alone.**
- **We have nothing to boast in. Nothing at all. It is the Grace of God and His grace alone that saves us.**
- **Our calling is to have faith in that Grace.**
- **The Word of His Grace.**

*Acts 20:32*

<sup>32</sup> *“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and <sup>n</sup>to the word of His grace, which is able <sup>o</sup>to build you up and give you <sup>p</sup>an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.<sup>1</sup>*

- **The knowledge of the Word of His Grace and the resulting consequence.**

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<sup>n</sup> Heb. 13:9

<sup>o</sup> Acts 9:31

<sup>p</sup> Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:14, 18; 5:5; Col. 1:12; 3:24; [Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 1:4]

<sup>1</sup>*The New King James Version. 1982 (Ac 20:32). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.*

- It is by Grace and Grace alone that we are brought into relationship with the Father (Reconciled by His Grace NOT any works of righteousness).
- It is because of this Grace that God can now indwell us through the new Creation experience. (2 Corinthian 5:17-21; John 3:3 'Born Again')

### *Galatians 6:14-15*

<sup>14</sup> *But God forbid that I should boast except in the <sup>r</sup>cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by <sup>2</sup>whom the world has been crucified to me, and <sup>s</sup>I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For <sup>t</sup>in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.*

- Nothing but the New Creation that enables us to be in a pure state before God. That being so we are all empowered by Him for His purposes and He indwells us and we are Holy, set apart for Him.

### *1 Corinthians 3:16*

<sup>16</sup> *<sup>r</sup>Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone <sup>2</sup>defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.*

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<sup>r</sup> [1 Cor. 1:18]

<sup>2</sup> Or *which*, the cross

<sup>s</sup> [Gal. 2:20]; Col. 2:20

<sup>t</sup> [Rom. 2:26, 28]; 1 Cor. 7:19; [Gal. 5:6]

<sup>2</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ga 6:13-15). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>r</sup> Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21

<sup>2</sup> destroys

<sup>3</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (1 Co 3:16-17). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

## **1 Corinthians 6:19**

**<sup>18</sup> <sup>r</sup>Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins <sup>s</sup>against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or <sup>t</sup>do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, <sup>u</sup>and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For <sup>v</sup>you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body <sup>7</sup>and in your spirit, which are God's.**

## **2 Corinthians 6:14**

**<sup>14</sup> <sup>q</sup>Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For <sup>r</sup>what <sup>4</sup>fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what <sup>5</sup>communion has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup> And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For <sup>s</sup>you <sup>6</sup>are the temple of the living God. As God has said:**

**<sup>t</sup>"I will dwell in them  
And walk among them.  
I will be their God,**

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<sup>r</sup> Rom. 6:12; 1 Cor. 6:9; 2 Cor. 12:21; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5; Heb. 13:4

<sup>s</sup> Rom. 1:24; 1 Thess. 4:4

<sup>t</sup> John 2:21; 1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16

<sup>u</sup> Rom. 14:7

<sup>v</sup> Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 7:23; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 1:18; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rev. 5:9

<sup>7</sup> NU omits the rest of v. 20.

<sup>q</sup> Deut. 7:2, 3; 22:10; 1 Cor. 5:9

<sup>r</sup> 1 Sam. 5:2, 3; 1 Kin. 18:21; Eph. 5:6, 7, 11; 1 John 1:6

<sup>4</sup> in common

<sup>5</sup> fellowship

<sup>s</sup> [1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19]; Eph. 2:21; [Heb. 3:6]

<sup>6</sup> NU we

<sup>t</sup> Ex. 29:45; Lev. 26:12; Jer. 31:33; 32:38; Ezek. 37:26, 27; Zech. 8:8

*And they shall be My people.”*

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### *Ezekiel 36:25*

<sup>25</sup> *f* Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you <sup>g</sup>from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a <sup>h</sup>new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My <sup>i</sup>Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.<sup>5</sup>

### *1 Peter 2:9*

<sup>9</sup> *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of <sup>k</sup>darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> <sup>l</sup>who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*<sup>6</sup>

- **Know your destiny and your calling, your purposes in God and who you are.**

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<sup>4</sup>*The New King James Version*. 1982 (2 Co 6:14-16). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>f</sup> Num. 19:17–19; Ps. 51:7; Is. 52:15; Heb. 9:13, 19; 10:22

<sup>g</sup> Jer. 33:8

<sup>h</sup> Ps. 51:10; Jer. 32:39; Ezek. 11:19; [John 3:3]

<sup>i</sup> Is. 44:3; 59:21; Ezek. 11:19; 37:14; [Joel 2:28, 29]

<sup>5</sup>*The New King James Version*. 1982 (Eze 36:25-27). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>k</sup> Is. 9:2; 42:16; [Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:6]

<sup>l</sup> Hos. 1:9, 10; 2:23; Rom. 9:25; 10:19

<sup>6</sup>*The New King James Version*. 1982 (1 Pe 2:9-10). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- It is by GRACE and FAITH in that GRACE and it is in that Grace that an empowering that only comes from the Lord is included. (Next Week).

*Romans 8:9*

*<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of <sup>m</sup>Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, <sup>n</sup>He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies <sup>4</sup>through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

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<sup>m</sup> Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:4

<sup>n</sup> 1 Cor. 6:14

<sup>4</sup> Or because of

<sup>7</sup> The New King James Version. 1982 (Ro 8:9-11). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.