

# GRACE

## *Unmerited Favour*

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As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### 1. **"Unmerited"** – Our part (v1-3)

Before salvation:

a. Dead v1

Following:

i. The world v2a

ii. The devil v2b

iii. Our nature v3

b. Disobedient v2b

c. Doomed v3b

#### 2. **"Favour"** – God's part (v4-6)

After salvation:

a. Alive v5a

b. Saved v5b

c. New position v6

### **Question – Why? (v7-9)**

#### a. **To show God's Grace (v7)**

God's Grace is expressed to us through His:

i. Undeserved Kindness v7b

ii. Undeserved Love v4a

iii. Undeserved Mercy v4b

#### b. **To offer us salvation (v8-9)**