

By Grace Through Faith Sun am 4/17/16

Ephesians 1:3-4

³ **Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,**

⁴ **just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,**

Ephesians 2:1-10

² **And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,**

² **in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,**

³ **among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.**

⁴ **But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,**

⁵ **even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),**

⁶ **and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,**

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

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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

Philippians 2:12-16

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing,

¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Colossians 1:19-23

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell,

²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Matthew 25:21-23

²¹ *His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’*

²² *He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’*

²³ *His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’*

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.