

A person is standing on a beach, looking out at the ocean. In the background, a large, faint cross is visible against the sky. The text 'HEAVEN MEETS EARTH' is overlaid in a bold, purple font.

# HEAVEN MEETS EARTH



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# GRACE TO FINISH WELL



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# Ephesians 1:1

To God's holy people...



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# Ephesians 1:4

For God chose us in Him before the creation of the world.



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# Ephesians 4:18

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God...due to the hardening of their hearts.



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# Ephesians 1:2

Grace and peace to you...



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1. Could not earn it.



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# The gift of grace:

1. Could not earn it.
2. Did not deserve it.
3. Could never repay it.



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Grace gives us an identity and a position  
we could never achieve on our own.



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# Ephesians 3:10

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.



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## **Ephesians 2:8–9** *(paraphrased)*

For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God.



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**What shifts do we need to make in order to remain in the grace God has given us?**



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1. **Jesus lived in community with the Father and those the Father gave Him.**



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# Luke 5:16

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.



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- 2. Jesus revealed truth in the power of the Spirit.**



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# John 8:12

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

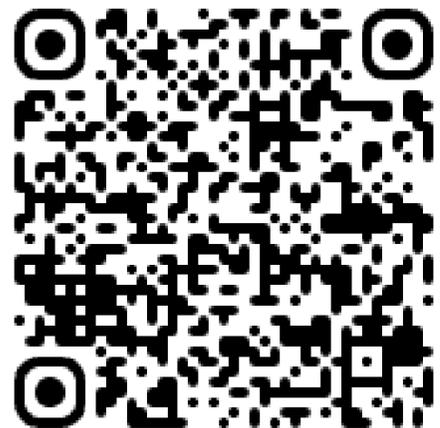


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# GRACE REVEALED IN CHRIST:

1. Jesus lived in community with the Father and those the Father gave Him.
2. Jesus revealed truth in the power of the Spirit.
- 3. Jesus obeyed the Father completely.**



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# Philippians 2:8

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross.



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# HOW DO WE RECEIVE THIS GRACE?

## 1. Truth Renewing the Mind

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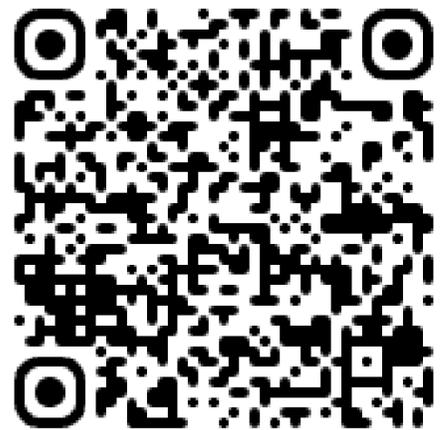


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# Ephesians 4:23

Be made new in the attitude of your minds.



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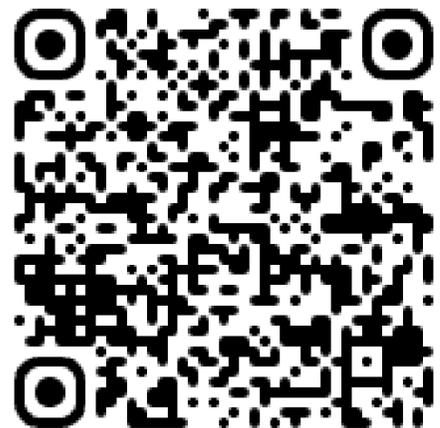
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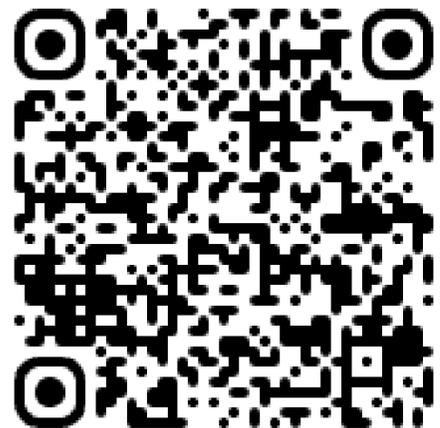
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# HOW DO WE RECEIVE THIS GRACE?

## 3. Community

- The Goal: To be known and held



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# Ephesians 4:16

From Him the whole body grows and builds itself up in love.



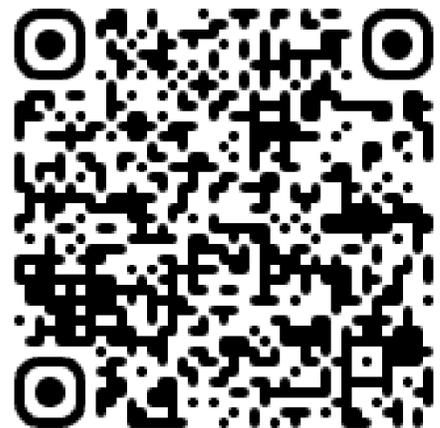
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- The Goal: To be known and held
- The Lie: You don't need anyone.
- The Practice: Show up—stay connected.



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# Ephesians 2:10

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.



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## 1. In Truth



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3. In Community
4. **With Obedience**



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# Ephesians 6:24

Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.



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**What do you need to surrender in order to remain in the grace God has given you?**



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What needs to change in my life so  
I can remain in Your grace?



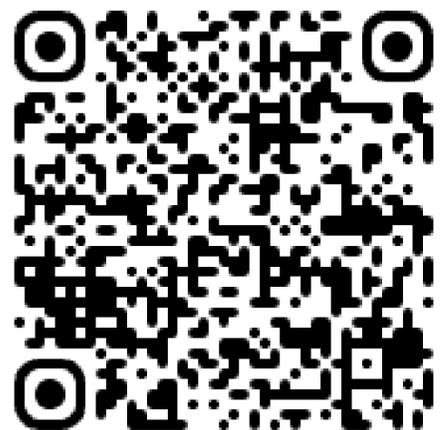
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*Lord, apart from You, we have no good thing. You alone are our portion and our cup. You are the One our hearts desire. Turn our desires back to You. Teach us to remain in Your grace. Keep our eyes always on your son, and Lead us in the path of life by your Spirit.*

*In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

*(from Psalm 16)*



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