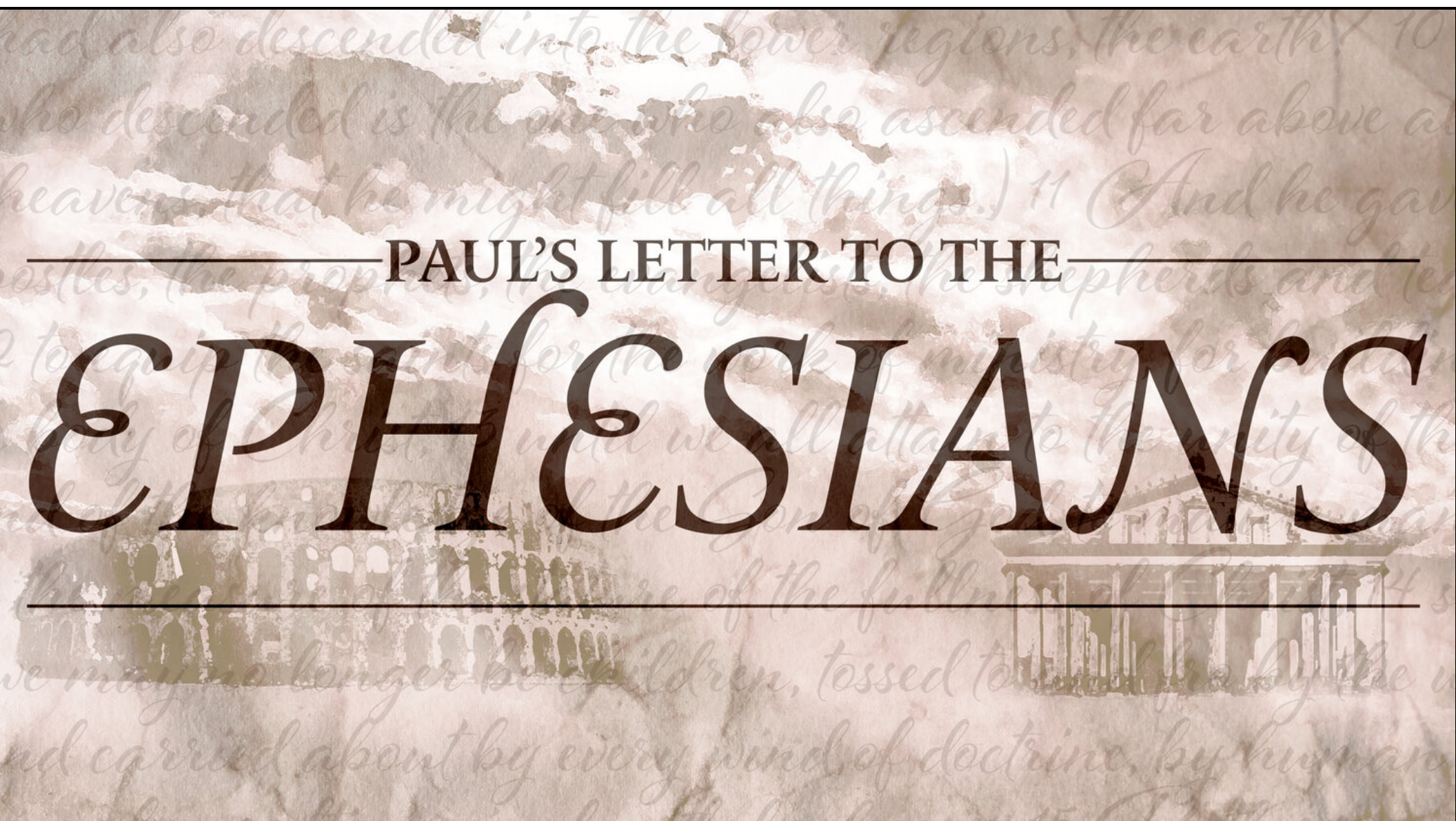


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Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

Ephesians 2:1-3

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Verses 1 to 3

What we were *before* Christ

Subject to God's anger vs. 3

Verses 4–6,8,9

What we are now *united in* Christ

(He has) seated us with him in the
heavenly realms vs. 6

Verses verses 7,10

What we will be *through Christ*

He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things he
planned for us long ago. Vs. 10

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Grace is favor given to someone who deserves the opposite.

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Ephesians 2:4,5





2 *Grace leads to faith*

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3 *Faith leads to Good Works*

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Ephesians 2:10

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First thing we learn here is
“*being*” comes before “*doing*.”

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Peter 1:3,4

Verses 10 *"Masterpiece"*

Greek word: *"poiema"*

where we get, *"poem"*

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. [Colossians 3:5](#)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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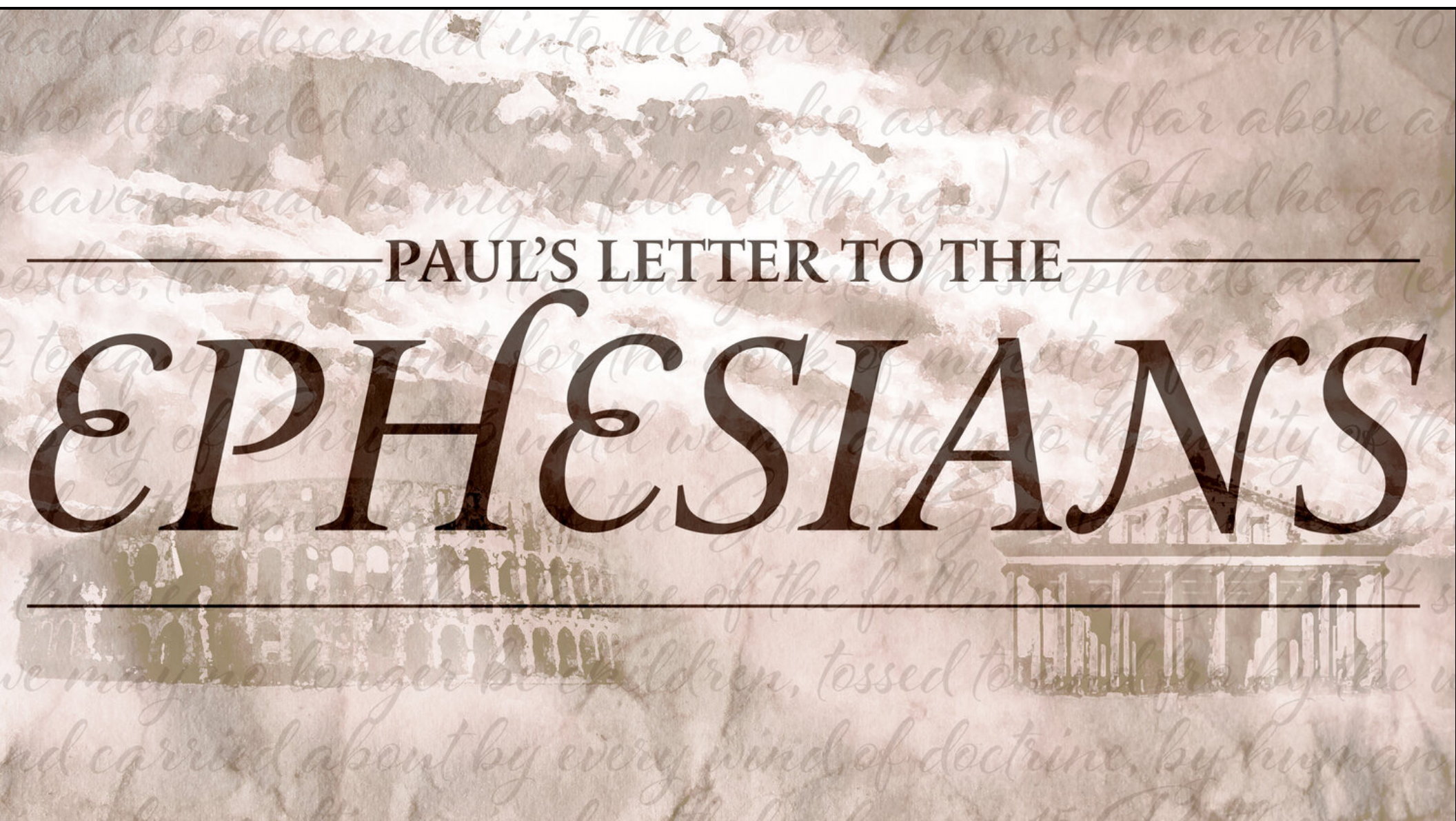












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