

## We Believe...





## We Believe THERE IS SALVATION FOR SINNERS

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<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, . . .



... 5 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.



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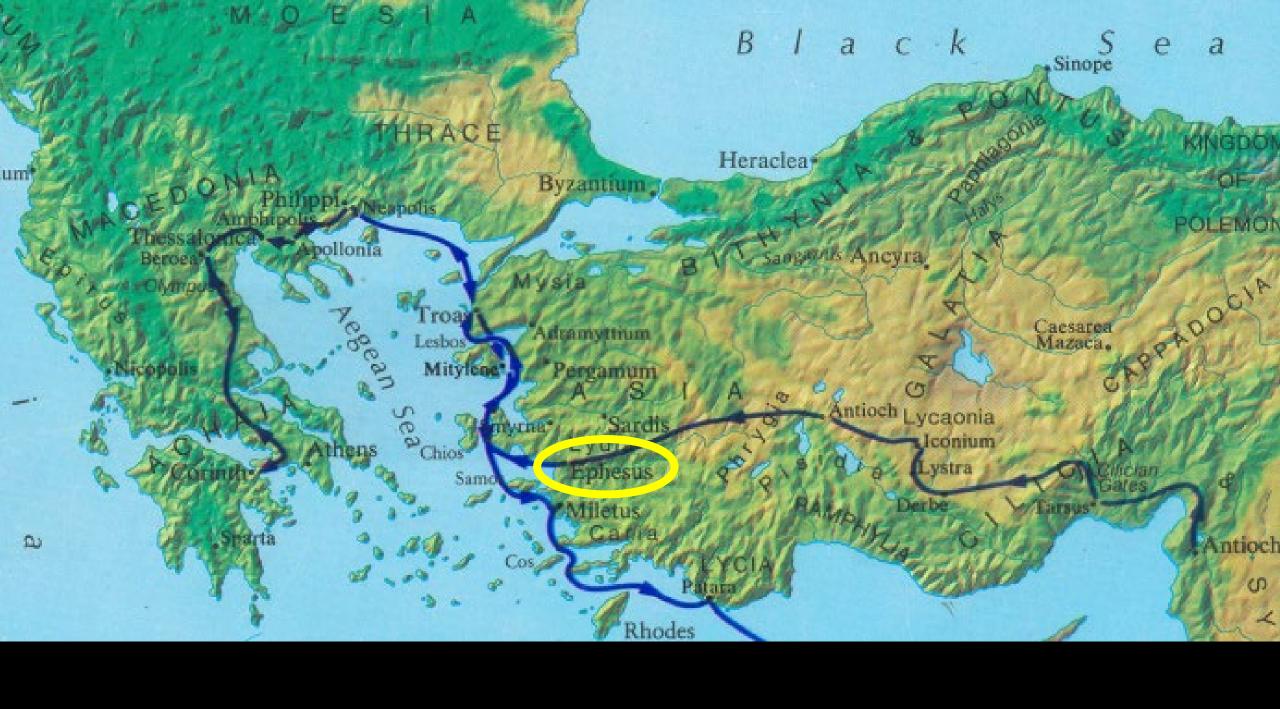
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c. AD 60

Ephesus













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1. THE NEED FOR GRACE 1-3

ON OUR OWN, WE'RE DEAD!

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2. THE DEMONSTRATION OF GRACE 4-7

GOD'S ACTIONS GIVE LIFE WITH JESUS!



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The Origins of God's Grace:
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With-seated



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The Purpose of God's Grace

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3. THE APPROPRIATION OF GRACE 8-9

AS GOD'S GIFT OF NEW LIFE, NOT BY WHAT WE DO!



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Saved by grace through faith trusting Christ

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4. THE OVERFLOW OF GRACE 10

LIVING A NEW LIFE... LIKE JESUS'
LIFE!



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It is faith alone that justifies,

But faith that justifies can never
be alone.

John Calvin

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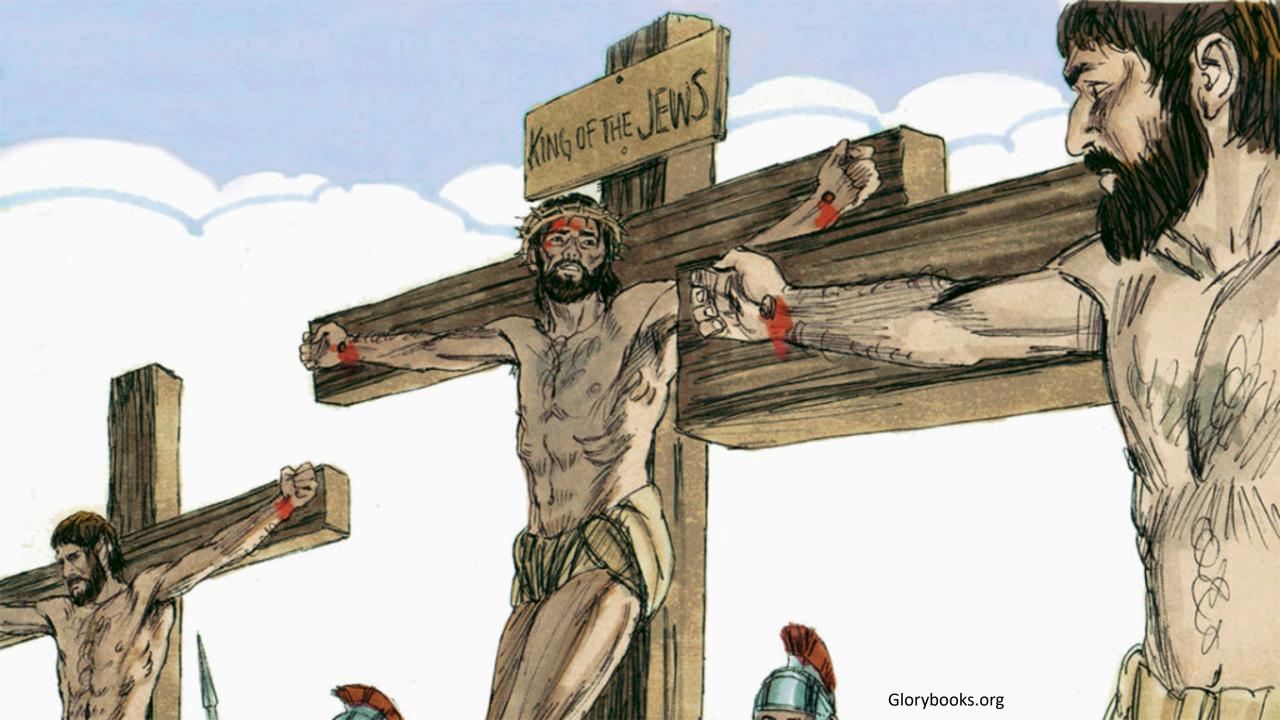
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#### No free lunch!!

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### God gives free lunches!!

## God's showing off...

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#### New life!

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