

# BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

WHAT IS CHRIST DOING NOW . . . AND WHY?

EPHESIANS 1:18–23



## The Heart of the Matter

Many Christians live every day disconnected not only from one another but also from God. This can lead to dysfunction in every area of life. However, when we accept Christ's sacrifice on the cross, we gain access to a source of power beyond our comprehension. The might that carved the Grand Canyon, that showered the earth with dazzling oceans, and that rolled the stone away from the tomb is at our disposal. This power stands ready to enable us to overcome temptation. It's available when depression overtakes us or when life's troubles overwhelm us. But if we don't connect to it, we're only as good as a waterless sprinkler or a darkened lamp.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. The Availability of God's Power (Ephesians 1:18–19)

Paul prayed that the Ephesian believers would receive the power of God.

### 2. The Demonstration of God's Power (Ephesians 1:20–23)

Paul taught that God demonstrates His power by raising Christ from the dead, seating Christ at His right hand, putting all things in subjection under Christ's feet, and placing Him as head over all things in the church.

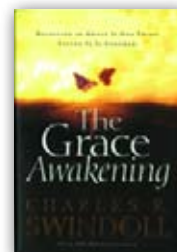


## Starting Your Journey

Staying connected to God's power means recognizing the positive changes He has wrought in us and accepting our weaknesses to more fully depend upon Him.



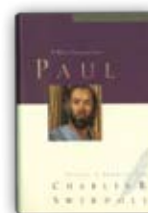
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