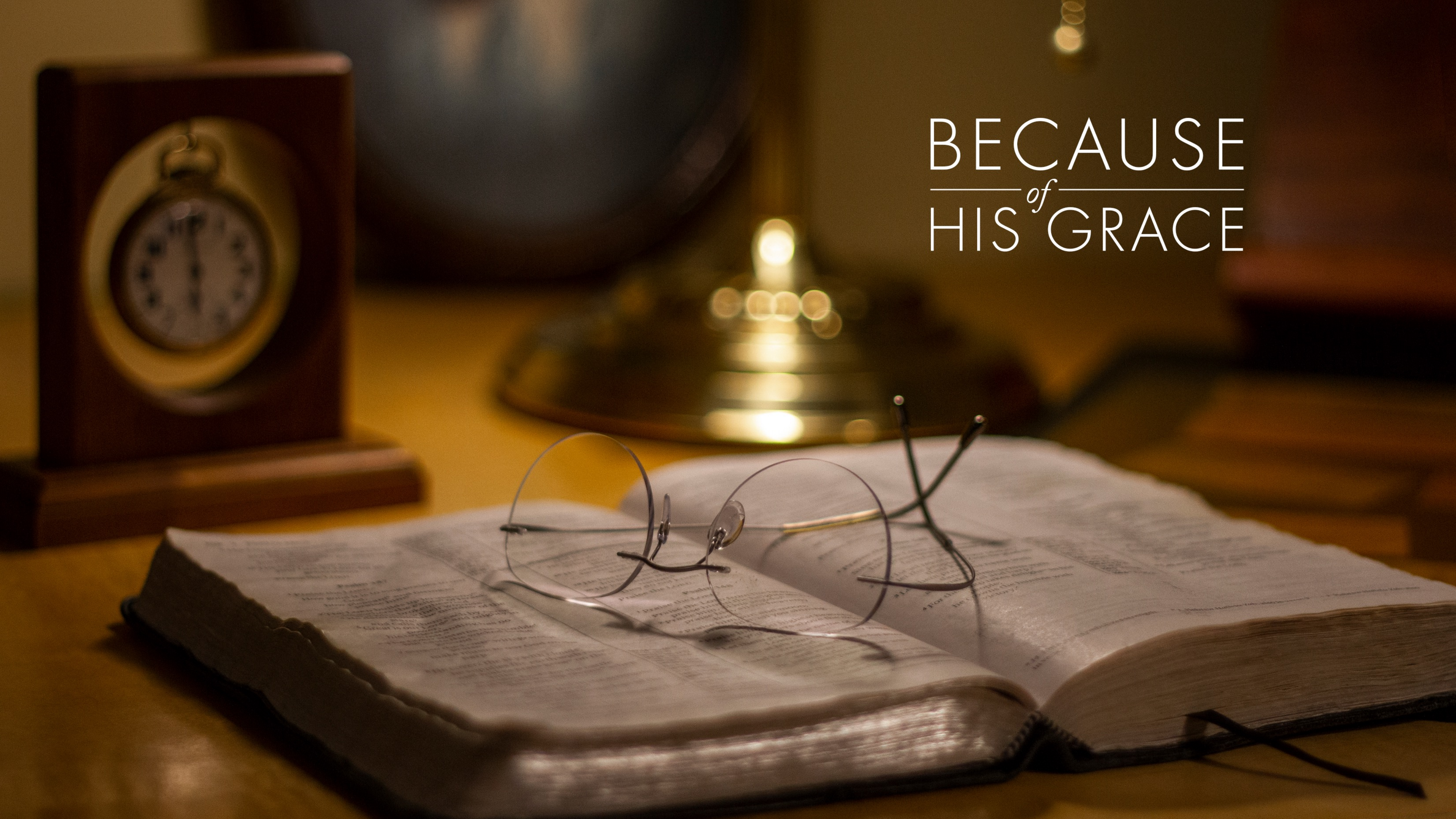


BECAUSE  
*of*  
HIS GRACE





*Dedicated to Pastor Chris Dolson  
who Shepherded his Flock  
at Blackhawk Church  
from 1994-2021*

*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from  
whom every family in heaven and on earth  
derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious  
riches he may strengthen you with power  
through his Spirit in your inner being, so that  
Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

*And I pray that you, being rooted and  
established in love, may have power, together  
with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how  
wide and long and high and deep is the love of  
Christ, and to know this love that surpasses  
knowledge—that you may be filled to the  
measure of all the fullness of God.*

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably  
more than all we ask or imagine, according to  
his power that is at work within us, to him be  
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, for ever and ever!*

*Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:14-21*



<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Ephesians 3:16-18(NIV 2011)

<sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge  
— that you may be filled to the measure of all the  
fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to His power that is at work within us,  
<sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, for ever and ever!  
Amen.

Ephesians 3:19-21(NIV 2011)

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<sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on  
earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of His  
glorious riches He may strengthen you with  
power through His Spirit in your inner being...

Ephesians 3:14-16 (NIV 2011)

<sup>13</sup> I ask you, therefore, **not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you**, which are your glory. <sup>14</sup> **For this reason** I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

Ephesians 3:13-14 (NIV 2011)





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- You have every spiritual blessing you can imagine.
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- You are a part of an amazing new project.  
Gentiles and Jews who believe are now in one and the same family.



<sup>6</sup>This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:6 (NIV 2011)



New fractures are forming within the American evangelical movement, fractures that do not run along the usual regional, denominational, ethnic, or political lines. Couples, families, friends, and congregations once united in their commitment to Christ are now dividing over seemingly irreconcilable views of the world. In fact, they are not merely dividing but becoming incomprehensible to one another.

Tim Dalrymple – President and CEO of Christianity Today  
Christianity Today - April 16, 2021



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Ephesians 3:14-15 (NIV 2011)



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<sup>9</sup> ...was kept hidden in God, **who created all things.** <sup>10</sup> 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,**

Ephesians 3:9-10 (NIV 2011)

# The unseen realm in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians...

- God is going to unite these two realms under Christ (1:10)
- Christ is now positioned far above every being in the heavenly realm (1:21)
- God has already seated us in the heavenly realm (2:6)
- God is showing His wisdom to the heavenly realm through the church (2:10)
- Our battle is not against the earthly realm but against beings in the heavenly realm (6:12)



<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,  
but against the rulers, against the authorities,  
against the powers of this dark world and against  
the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV 2011)

<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NIV 2011)



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“The Holy Spirit transcends human ability and transforms human inability.”

James D. G. Dunn



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Ephesians 3:17-18 (NIV 2011)



“True growth cannot occur by association with only certain believers, ones preferred because they are of the same socioeconomic, intellectual, or professional status. Paul prays that it might be accomplished in association with *all* the saints.”

Harold Hoehner

<sup>18</sup> ...may have power, together with **all the Lord's holy people, to grasp** how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Ephesians 3:18 (NIV 2011)



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Ephesians 3:18-19 (NIV 2011)

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV 2011)



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