

Run the Race Well

Ephesians 1:22 – 2:10

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Run the race well...Ephesians 1:1-10

- What privileges and resources has the Lord placed in my life right now?
- Do you know and live out that you are chosen, you are adopted, made new and accepted through the work of Jesus?
- Are you accessing God's grace for your forgiveness, wisdom, understanding, direction, and purpose?

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Run the race well...Ephesians 1:11-14

- In Him we have redemption (1:7) through trust in Jesus
- In Him also we have obtained an inheritance (1:11) through trust in Jesus
- In Him we too have been claimed as God's own possession (1:11) through trust in Jesus
- In Him you also trusted (1:13)
- TRUST

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Run the race well ... Ephesians 1:15-18

- Pray from God's perspective and from a place of thankfulness.
- Pray for Holy Spirit led wisdom and revelation
- Pray that as our eyes are focused on God and His nature, we will experience our hope in Him.
- Pray that we would know the Kingdom Living God has called us to live in and from.

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Run the race well ... Ephesians 1:18-21

- Pray that we would know and experience my inheritance in Him, His inheritance in me, and His inheritance in each other.
- Pray that we would allow God's power to move through us as we choose to partner with His power.
- Pray that we would recognize Jesus as we partner with the Jesus ... His power (resurrection, position, authority, eternal).

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Ephesians 1:22-23

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- **He put all *things* under His feet** (authority - creation) This speaks to Christ's authority over all of creation.
- **gave Him to *be* head over all *things* to the church** (authority – church) This speaks to Christ's authority over the church.
- **which (church) is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

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fills all in all...

- Christ's sovereignty and reign
- His unescapable influence
- Christ's power and presence permeates all creation
- The Church, as His body, is made complete and full by Him.

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Running the race well requires that ...

We recognize His sovereignty and reign that includes our completeness in Jesus so that we walk in His influence in and through our lives.

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Ephesians 2:1-2

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

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Ephesians 2:3

³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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Ephesians 2:6

- ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus. (NKJV)
- He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with Him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are no co-seated as one with Christ! (TPT)

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What is my reality as a follower of Christ?

- Jesus made me alive (signpost #1)
- My death (old life) is over (signpost #2)
- I walk in a new Kingdom reality (signpost #3)
- Through God's mercy and love (signpost #4)
- One where I live in union with Christ (signpost #5)

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Ephesians 2:7

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Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite riches of His grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Christ Jesus (TPT).

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Ephesians 2:8-9

- ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. (NKJV)
- For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. (TPT)

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What is my reality as a follower of Christ?

- It is God's grace I have been saved, through faith in Jesus (signpost #6)

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Ephesians 2:10

- ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)
- We have become His poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny He has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it! (TPT)

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What is my reality as a follower of Christ?

- God created each one of us uniquely with a destiny that goes with who He created us to be and what He desires to do on this earth. (signpost #7)

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