**THERE’S POWER AVAILABLE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS**

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New Signs, new seasons, new days, and new years are physical and directional thoughts toward our Lord and Savior, who is the spiritual reality of all things new.

**AS WE BEGIN THIS STUDY…THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO OWN AS WE GO FORWARD…**

**1 MERCY IS NEW EVERYDAY**

**2 GRACE WORKS AND AGREES WITH MERCY**

**EVERYDAY IS A NEW BEGINNING**

It’s in that newness, that we need to be like Jeremiah who realized His need to contact the Lord afresh every morning, putting our entire hope in Him, waiting on Him, and calling on His name ([Lam. 3:22-25](http://online.recoveryversion.org/bibleverses.asp?fvid=28335&lvid=28338)).

Lamentations 3:22-25

**22** It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

**23** They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

**24** The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

**25** The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

**QUESTION: IS SUFFICIENT (THE WORD) ENOUGH FOR YOU?**

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

**8**For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

**9**And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**10**Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

**QUESTION: WHAT DOES GRACE MEAN TO YOU?**

The Book of Ephesians has a lot of application that applies to all Christians, new and seasoned.  It's especially relevant to all who have been Gentiles in the past (*most of us I would think*), and were converted to Christianity…but more than that is loving Jesus!

The first three chapters of Ephesians focuses on what Christians should believe, unfolding the glorious riches of God’s grace in Christ. The last three chapters explain the implications of God’s grace for the church, for individuals, and for families. This section then comes to a climax with a command to stand with the armor of God against the devil.

**OUR DIRECTIONAL THOUGHTS:**

1 WE ARE BLESSED

2 PREDESTINED TO BECOME

3 REDEEMED COMPLETELY

4 IN HIM AND HIS WILL

Ephesians 1:3-4(ESV)

**WE ARE BLESSED**

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

**4** even as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love…

Ephesians 1:5-6(ESV)

**PREDESTINED TO BECOME**

**5** He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,

**6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:7-10(ESV)

**REDEEMED COMPLETELY**

**7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

**8** which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

**9** making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:11-12(ESV)

**IN HIM AND HIS WILL**

**11** In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

**12** so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory.