

The background features a dark teal color with several water droplets of varying sizes scattered across the surface. In the upper center, there is a blurred, out-of-focus image of a green cup or bowl. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

**MERCY**

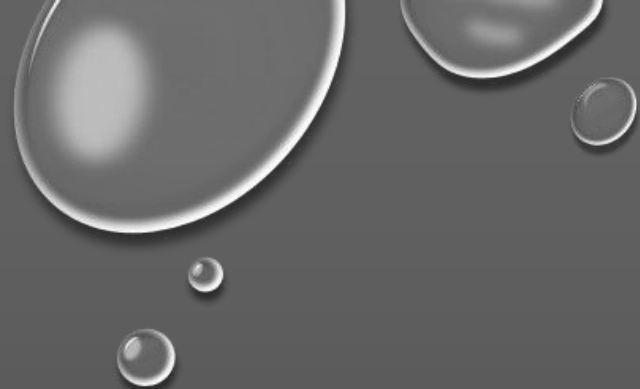
**ACTS 18 EPHESUS**





Roman territory at the beginning of the 1st century AD  
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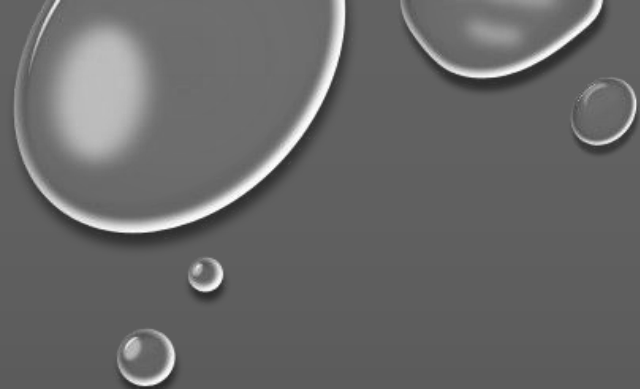
**GRACE IS A GIFT WE DON'T DESERVE,  
WHILE MERCY IS NOT GETTING THE  
PUNISHMENT WE DESERVE**

**A FRIEND**



**EPH 2:1-3**

**AND YOU WERE DEAD IN THE TRESPASSES  
AND SINS IN WHICH YOU ONCE WALKED,  
FOLLOWING THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD,  
FOLLOWING THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF  
THE AIR, THE SPIRIT THAT IS NOW AT WORK  
IN THE SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE — AMONG  
WHOM WE ALL ONCE LIVED IN THE PASSIONS  
OF OUR FLESH, CARRYING OUT THE DESIRES  
OF THE BODY AND THE MIND, AND WERE BY  
NATURE CHILDREN OF WRATH, LIKE THE REST  
OF MANKIND.**



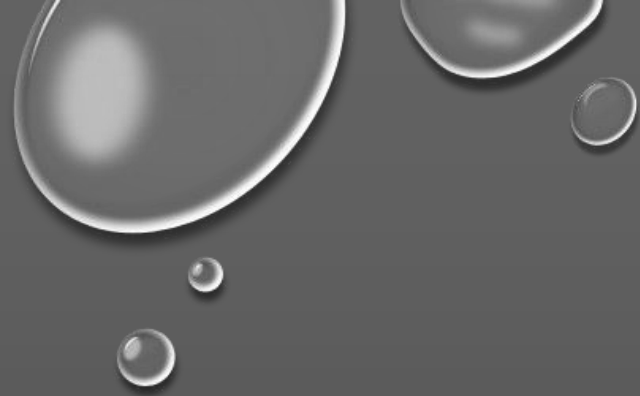
**BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY, BECAUSE OF THE GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVED US, EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRESPASSES, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST — BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED — AND RAISED US UP WITH HIM AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS**

**EPH 2:4-6**



**ACTS**  
**17:29-31**

**BEING THEN GOD'S OFFSPRING, WE OUGHT NOT TO THINK THAT THE DIVINE BEING IS LIKE GOLD OR SILVER OR STONE, AN IMAGE FORMED BY THE ART AND IMAGINATION OF MAN. THE TIMES OF IGNORANCE GOD OVERLOOKED, BUT NOW HE COMMANDS ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO REPENT, BECAUSE HE HAS FIXED A DAY ON WHICH HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS BY A MAN WHOM HE HAS APPOINTED; AND OF THIS HE HAS GIVEN ASSURANCE TO ALL BY RAISING HIM FROM THE DEAD.”**



**AND THE LORD SAID TO PAUL ONE NIGHT IN A VISION,  
“DO NOT BE AFRAID, BUT GO ON SPEAKING AND DO  
NOT BE SILENT, FOR I AM WITH YOU, AND NO ONE  
WILL ATTACK YOU TO HARM YOU, FOR I HAVE MANY  
IN THIS CITY WHO ARE MY PEOPLE.” AND HE STAYED A  
YEAR AND SIX MONTHS, TEACHING THE WORD OF  
GOD AMONG THEM.**

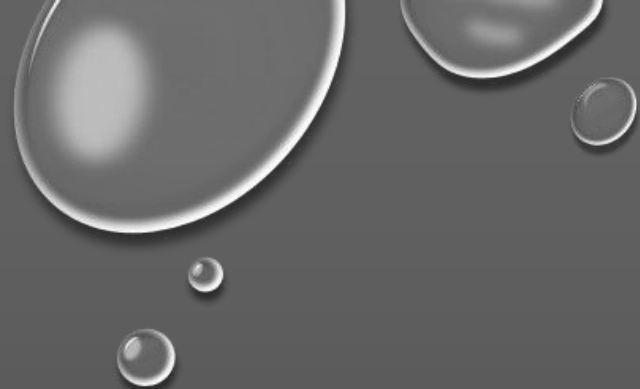
**ACTS 18:9-11**



## ACTS 18:18-20

**AFTER THIS, PAUL STAYED MANY DAYS LONGER AND THEN TOOK LEAVE OF THE BROTHERS AND SET SAIL FOR SYRIA, AND WITH HIM PRISCILLA AND AQUILA. AT CENCHREAE HE HAD CUT HIS HAIR, FOR HE WAS UNDER A VOW. AND THEY CAME TO EPHESUS, AND HE LEFT THEM THERE, BUT HE HIMSELF WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND REASONED WITH THE JEWS. WHEN THEY ASKED HIM TO STAY FOR A LONGER PERIOD, HE DECLINED.**





## ACTS 18:21-23

**BUT ON TAKING LEAVE OF THEM HE SAID, “I WILL RETURN TO YOU IF GOD WILLS,” AND HE SET SAIL FROM EPHESUS. WHEN HE HAD LANDED AT CAESAREA, HE WENT UP AND GREETED THE CHURCH, AND THEN WENT DOWN TO ANTIOCH. AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME THERE, HE DEPARTED AND WENT FROM ONE PLACE TO THE NEXT THROUGH THE REGION OF GALATIA AND PHRYGIA, STRENGTHENING ALL THE DISCIPLES.**



**ACTS 10:42  
2 TIM 4:1  
1 PET 4:5**

**AND HE COMMANDED US TO PREACH TO THE PEOPLE  
AND TO TESTIFY THAT HE IS THE ONE APPOINTED BY  
GOD TO BE JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.**

**I CHARGE YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND OF  
CHRIST JESUS, WHO IS TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE  
DEAD, AND BY HIS APPEARING AND HIS KINGDOM:**

**BUT THEY WILL GIVE ACCOUNT TO HIM WHO IS READY  
TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.**