

The background features a dark teal color with several water droplets of varying sizes scattered across the surface. A blurred green cup is visible in the upper center, and a blurred blue cup is on the right side. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

HE HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE

EPH 2:10-18 (EPHESUS IN ACTS 19)







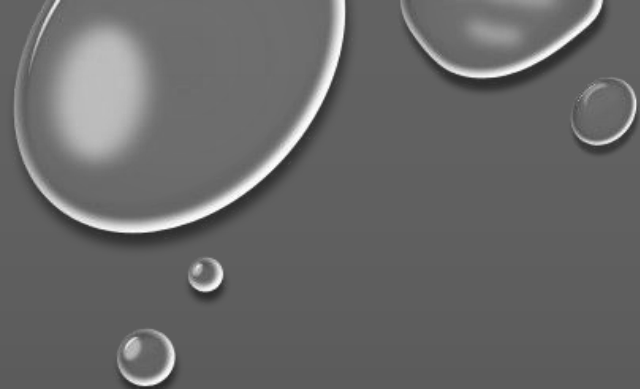
EPH 2:1-4

**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,**



EPH 2:5-9

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, SO THAT IN THE COMING AGES HE MIGHT SHOW THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN KINDNESS TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS. FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST.



ROM 6:8-11

NOW IF WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM. WE KNOW THAT CHRIST, BEING RAISED FROM THE DEAD, WILL NEVER DIE AGAIN; DEATH NO LONGER HAS DOMINION OVER HIM. FOR THE DEATH HE DIED HE DIED TO SIN, ONCE FOR ALL, BUT THE LIFE HE LIVES HE LIVES TO GOD. SO YOU ALSO MUST CONSIDER YOURSELVES DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.



EPH 2:10-12

FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM. THEREFORE REMEMBER THAT AT ONE TIME YOU GENTILES IN THE FLESH, CALLED “THE UNCIRCUMCISION” BY WHAT IS CALLED THE CIRCUMCISION, WHICH IS MADE IN THE FLESH BY HANDS— REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE AT THAT TIME SEPARATED FROM CHRIST, ALIENATED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL AND STRANGERS TO THE COVENANTS OF PROMISE, HAVING NO HOPE AND WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD.



EPH 2:13-16

BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU WHO ONCE WERE FAR OFF HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

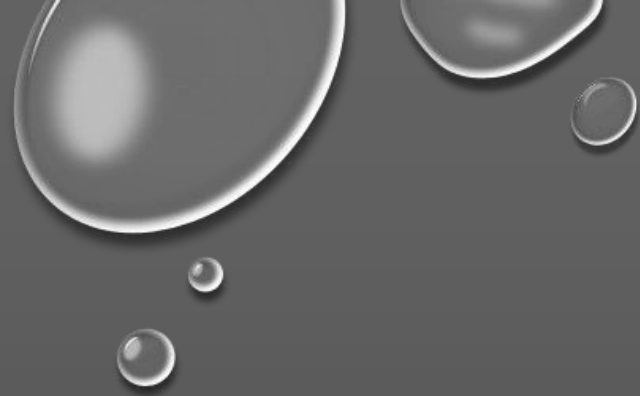
FOR HE HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE, WHO HAS MADE US BOTH ONE AND HAS BROKEN DOWN IN HIS FLESH THE DIVIDING WALL OF HOSTILITY BY ABOLISHING THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS EXPRESSED IN ORDINANCES, THAT HE MIGHT CREATE IN HIMSELF ONE NEW MAN IN PLACE OF THE TWO, SO MAKING PEACE,

AND MIGHT RECONCILE US BOTH TO GOD IN ONE BODY THROUGH THE CROSS, THEREBY KILLING THE HOSTILITY.



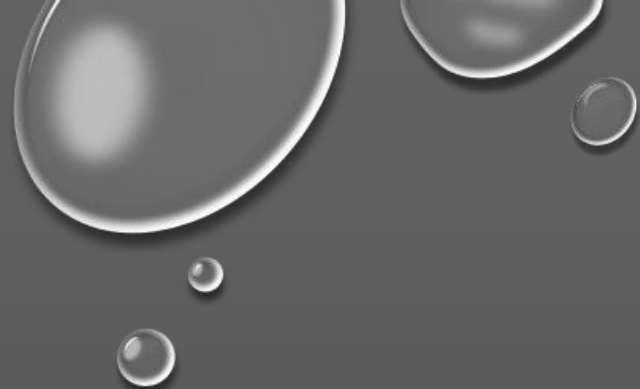
IS 9:6-7

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF PEACE THERE WILL BE NO END, ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, TO ESTABLISH IT AND TO UPHOLD IT WITH JUSTICE AND WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOREVERMORE. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL DO THIS.



**AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A
MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST PRAISING
GOD AND SAYING, “GLORY TO GOD IN THE
HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG
THOSE WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED!”**

LUKE 2:13-14



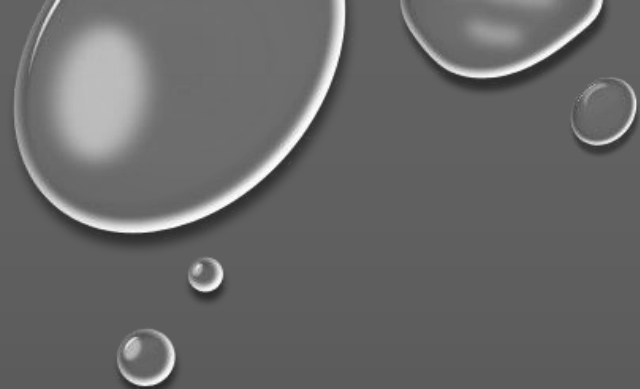
2 THES 3:16

**NOW MAY THE LORD OF PEACE HIMSELF GIVE
YOU PEACE AT ALL TIMES IN EVERY WAY. THE
LORD BE WITH YOU ALL.**



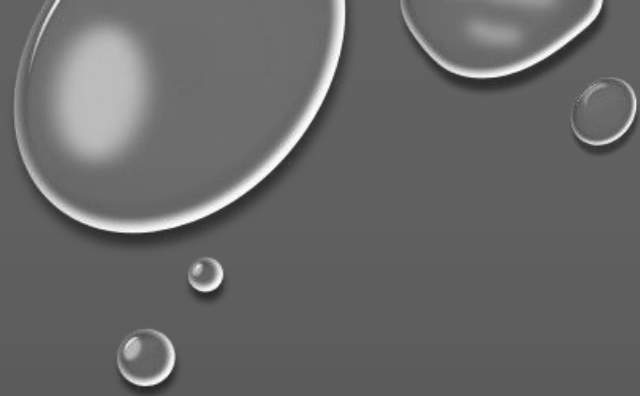
EPH 2:17-22

AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR OFF AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR. FOR THROUGH HIM WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS IN ONE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER. SO THEN YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND ALIENS, BUT YOU ARE FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNERSTONE, IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE, BEING JOINED TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD. IN HIM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD BY THE SPIRIT.



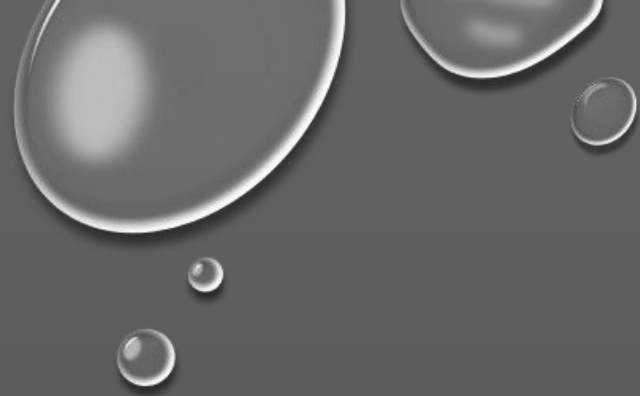
PEACE, PEACE, TO THE FAR AND TO THE NEAR,” SAYS THE LORD, “AND I WILL HEAL HIM. BUT THE WICKED ARE LIKE THE TOSSING SEA; FOR IT CANNOT BE QUIET, AND ITS WATERS TOSS UP MIRE AND DIRT. THERE IS NO PEACE,” SAYS MY GOD, “FOR THE WICKED.”

IS 57:19-21



**FOR IN HIM ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD WAS
PLEASED TO DWELL, AND THROUGH HIM TO
RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL THINGS,
WHETHER ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN, MAKING
PEACE BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.**

COL 1:19-20



**THIS WAS ACCORDING TO THE ETERNAL
PURPOSE THAT HE HAS REALIZED IN CHRIST
JESUS OUR LORD, IN WHOM WE HAVE
BOLDNESS AND ACCESS WITH CONFIDENCE
THROUGH OUR FAITH IN HIM.**

EPH 3:11-12



2 COR 5:19-21

THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; THAT IS, IN CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND ENTRUSTING TO US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION. THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE IMPLORE YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD. FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.