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ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED

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EPHESIANS

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EPHESIANS 1:3

ACCEPTED in the Greek means “to be endued with divine favor and grace.” Our Father BLESSED US with EVERY spiritual blessing—all that He has is available to us. God endowed us with our calling and gifting to fulfill our destiny in Christ.

“Upon whom does His light not shine?” Nature manifests the essence of divine opulence—when it rains it pours ... the sun shines ... the wind blows ... the birds sing ... and flowers bloom. Everyone can benefit from the goodness of God—even the heathen eat the crumbs that fall from the Master’s Table!

= GOD CHOSE US

Just as He **CHOSE US** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

EPHESIANS 1:4

Before God ever laid the foundations of the universe He knew the greater meaning and purpose encoded into our soul’s DNA—the exact moment of our arrival on Planet Earth ... what our name would be ... and what would become of us.

God created us in His Image. He made us unique spiritual beings like Himself—powerful, loving, merciful, gracious... He chose to bless us. “All that I have is yours.”

Jesus prayed to the Father for us saying, “The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one ... and I have declared to them Your name ... that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” We are the Beloved of the Lord Jesus Christ. All He received from the Father He gives to us.

The **KEY** to activating the blessing is acceptance. God endowed us with power and authority to accomplish our purpose, but we **CHOOSE** to **ACCEPT** it.

= **GOD PREDESTINED US**

Having **PREDESTINED US** to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself. according to the good pleasure of His will. **EPHESIANS 1:5**

Paul wrote to the Romans, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.” He questioned, “What should we say to these things?” Paul directed his answer to the reality of being accepted in the Beloved saying, “Nothing shall separate us from the love of God.”

God is love. It’s the most powerful force in the universe. Love is the power anointing that breaks every bondage—the grace and ability to fulfill our purpose as the manifested sons of God.

= **GOD MADE US ACCEPTED**

To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which **He MADE US ACCEPTED** in the Beloved. **EPHESIANS 1:6**

John testified that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of **GRACE** and **TRUTH**.” God adopted us as sons and extended His Grace and Truth to us.

James the brother of Jesus admonished us to remember the purpose of God. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of Truth that we might be a kind of first-fruits of His creations.”

The truth?—it’s all about **GRACE**. God’s grace made us **ACCEPTED** in the Beloved. “He equipped us in every good thing to do His Will (Purpose).” How we walk in His goodness depends on whether we choose to **ACCEPT** His truth and grace.

= **GOD DELIGHTS IN YOU**

Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul **DELIGHTS**. I have put My Spirit upon Him. **ISAIAH 42**

In the Hebrew **ACCEPTED** also means ‘delight.’ The difficulty many of us have with the concept of ‘accepted’ is that we question if God is personally delighted with ‘me’—

that God loves 'me' and wants the best for 'me.' "Who am I that God should be mindful of 'me?' We can believe it for Jesus ... for the church ... for someone else ... but can I believe God accepted 'me?'"

Peter defined our self-worth, declaring, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, so that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

= **DOUBTING NOTHING**

Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant ... the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeing you. Arise therefore, go down, and go with them, DOUBTING NOTHING; for I have sent them." **ACTS 10: 17-20**

Peter WONDERED if the vision was even from God! It was difficult to accept. Everything he believed in the Law of God separated Jews from Gentiles, clean from unclean.

Doubt hinders spiritual understanding. Numerous times Peter's open-mindedness allowed him to see God confirm the new work in their midst. Peter participated in the miraculous unfolding of events that would turn the religious world upside down!

The Jews "heard that the Gentiles had also received the Word of God" and contended, "You went in to the uncircumcised men and ate with them!" They questioned Peter's participation. He recited what God did among them and concluded, "Who was I that I could withstand God?"

Peter accepted the evidence as God's will for the Gentiles to be 'accepted in the Beloved.' What about you? Do you recognize the goodness of God in your day to day happenings? Are you able to shift your way of thinking to ACCEPT God's purpose for your life

God provides everything you need. It's already coming towards you as guidance, understanding, awareness, abundance, empowerment, inspiration, healing, etc. Open-mindedness recognizes, welcomes and accepts the intervention of God in their life.

= **WHAT IS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU?**

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. **ISAIAH 42:9**

Has God shown you something in your dreams or in a still small voice? Are you open-minded to watch for the interpretation? Do you ACCEPT the power of Divine Love operating in your life?

Written into your soul's destiny you'll find the infinite wealth, happiness and joy you'll need to fulfill what God's spoken to you. Can you ACCEPT it?—Can you get in a place of truth to believe it's possible?

You are 'Accepted in the Beloved.' The power of His Love and Grace freely flows through you. Do you sense new things happening in the New Year? Do you accept the immeasurable gift of grace flowing towards you to make it happen?

= **A NEW YEAR**

The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the **ACCEPTABLE YEAR** of the LORD.
LUKE 4:18-19

A New Year is like a birthday. This year is SPECIAL because God manifests His thoughts through you! Just think of it!—you are everything He thought was good and perfect for today! When you breathed your first breath you activated your body to become who He meant you to be! But when you PRAY you activate the divine and nothing can stop you from fulfilling your purpose!

Over the years you've had many types of birthdays only you called them FIRSTS—first tooth ... first word ... first day of school ... first time you spoke in tongues. Every year is an opportunity to be born again—to begin again.

A New Year is a GATEWAY to your future ... the TRANSITIONAL MOMENT to the rest of your life! God says: "Here I am! I stand at the DOOR and knock..."

We CELEBRATE a NEW YEAR! May this year be full of OPEN DOORS—may you feel His rich ANOINTING of GRACE upon you ... may you experience the thrill of TRANSITION in ways that change your life forever ... may you rise up to accept your PURPOSE in the Beloved ... fulfilling your portion in the ACCEPTABLE YEAR of the Lord!

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