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Amazing Grace

PREVENIENT GRACE FOR EVERYONE

EPHESIANS 2:1-5

DESPERATE NEED BUT A
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¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.



HUMAN INABILITY
BUT GOD'S ENABLEMENT

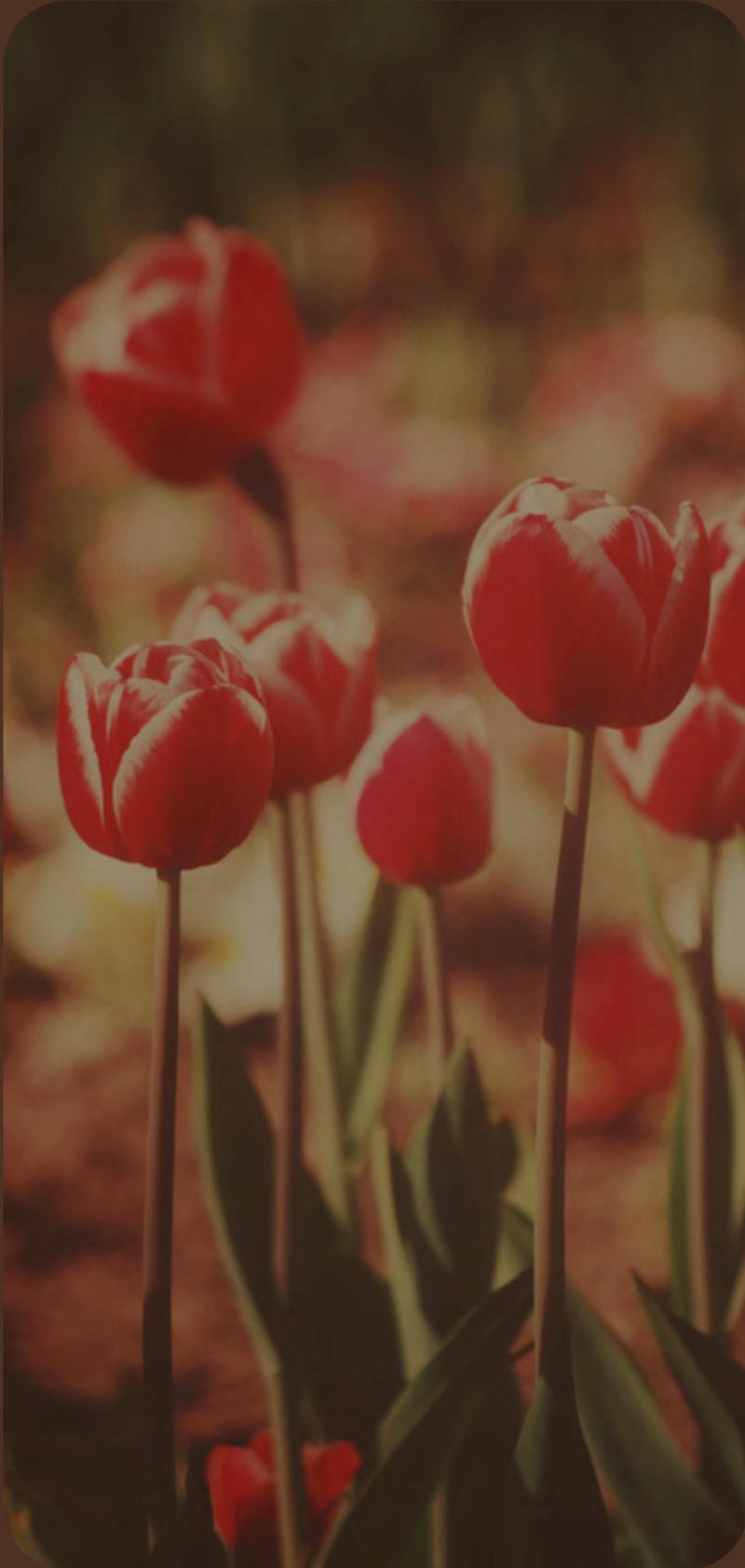
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JOHN 6:65

He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."



UNIVERSAL PROVISION
FOR A UNIVERSAL NEED



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PSALM 145:8-12

⁸The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.

¹¹They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

¹²so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.



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TITUS 2:11

**For the grace of God has appeared
that offers salvation to all people.**



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JOHN 1:9

**The true light that gives light to
everyone was coming into the world.**

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EZEKIEL 18:23

**Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked?
declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not
pleased when they turn from their ways and live?**

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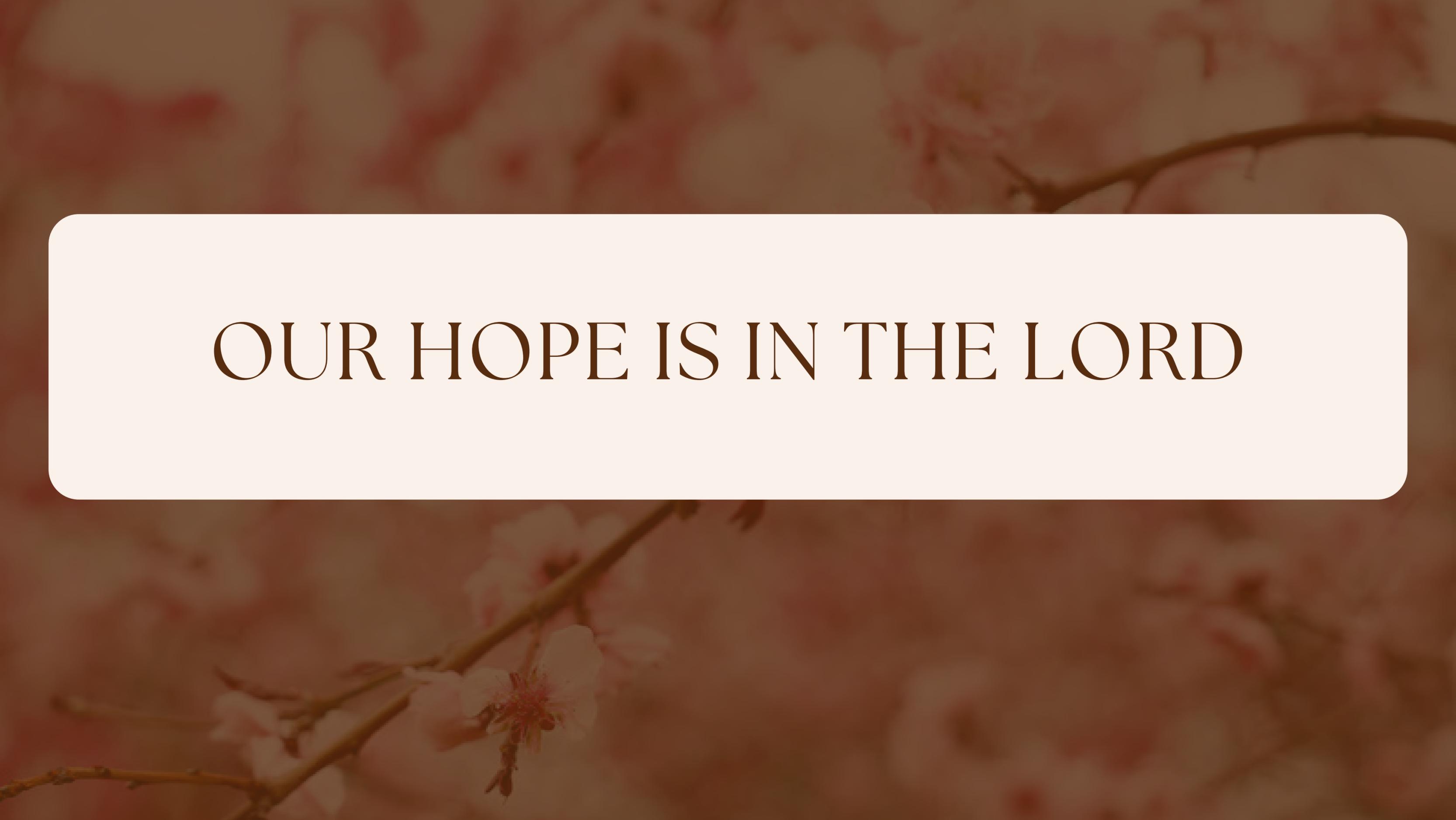
ACTS 10:34

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

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ACTS 17:30

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.



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2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



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1 JOHN 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.



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JOHN 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"



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REVELATION 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"
And let the one who hears say, "Come!"
Let the one who is thirsty come;
and let the one who wishes take the
free gift of the water of life.



Conclusion

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PREVENIENT GRACE FOR ALL

- 1) Desperate Need but a Neccessary Provision**
Ephesians 2:1-5
- 2) Human inability but God's enablement**
John 6:65
- 3) Universal Provision for a Universal Need**
Psalm 145:8-12, Titus 2:11, John 1:9
- 4) God is Consistent with His Character**
Ezekiel 18:23, Acts 10:34, Acts 17:30
- 5) Our Hope is in the LORD**
2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 2:1-2, John 1:29; Revelation 22:17

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- a) Is the conviction that God wants all to be saved consistent with the belief that God gives necessary enablement to be saved to all persons?
- b) In what way is the sign of the Cross evidence of God's grace for the possible salvation of all?
- c) Is it true God has done everything possible for the salvation of all?
- d) What do we mean by 'prevenient grace'? How is this view meaningful for us today?