



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Faith-FULL

Unlocking God's Favor

*"He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy
for a thousand generations with those who love Him..."*

Deuteronomy 7:9

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God's blessing and favor are not locked away **from** you.

God's blessing and favor are locked away **for** you.

Isaiah 45:3 NLT

*And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness—
secret riches. I will do this so you may know that I am the
Lord, the God of Israel, the one who calls you by name.*

Parables show why things are locked *from some and for others*

Matthew 13:10-12

*And the disciples came and said to Him, “**Why do you speak to them in parables?**” Jesus answered them, “**To you it as been granted to know** the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but **to them it has not been granted**. For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have even what he has shall be taken away from him.*

There are two Gods

"There is the God that people generally believe in—A God who has to serve them. **This God does not exist.**

But the God who people forget—the God whom we all have to serve—exists, and is the prime cause of our existence and of all that we perceive. God being God offends human pride.

When the light of God is absent, the intellect becomes dysfunctional, **trying to devise a truth** that will be compatible with the basic falsehood that man is god"

~ Dallas Willard
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Deuteronomy 7:1-9

*For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your **God has chosen you to be a people for Himself**, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. 7] The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, **for you were the least of all peoples**; 8] but **because the LORD loves you**, and because **He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers**, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

Deuteronomy 7:1-9

Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments

God did not choose you because he saw so much potential in you.

He chose you because He could show His faithfulness through people who were far from preferred and perfect

A Conditional Promise from a God of Unconditional Love

1. To those who love Him
2. To those who keep His commandments.

Faith-FULL: Unlocking God's Favor

Through God faithfulness, He magnifies
Himself and confounds the wise of this
world...through you.

1 Corinthians 1:26 NLT

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you **were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy** when God called you. 27 Instead, **God chose things the world considers foolish** in order to shame those who think they are wise.

1 Corinthians 1:28

And he chose **things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful**. 28 God chose **things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all**, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, **no one can ever boast** in the presence of God.

- God chooses people based on who will allow Him to be faithful. God doesn't need partners, because He does not need help.
- God chooses sons and daughters to reveal Himself through.
- People who think they have it, don't think they need God.
- People like to talk about God, but don't actually want to do what He says.

Let's Look at the Apostle Paul

God rebranded and repositioned Paul who was formerly Saul

Philippians 3:4

Though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:
5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:7

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Again...

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1 Corinthians 1:29, *"As a result, **no one can ever boast** in the presence of God."*