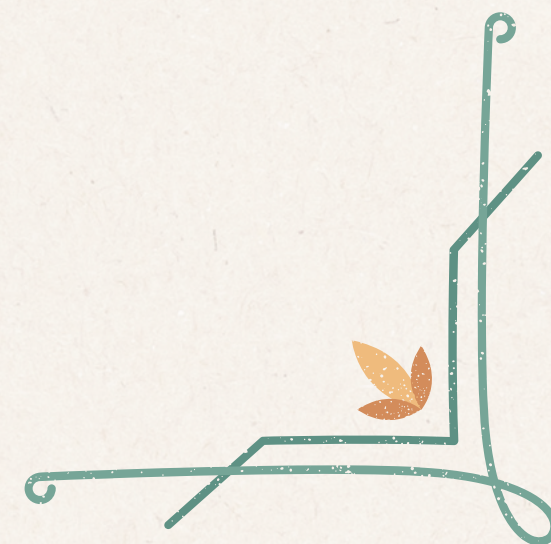




# RESURRECTION REALITIES







“The resurrection of Jesus is rooted in history,  
grounded in Scripture and confirmed in  
experience”

NICKY GUMBEL





# THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

## THE FIRSTBORN

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 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.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20





# THE COMPLETENESS OF CHRIST

## THE FIRST FRUITS

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But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-23



# THE PERSPECTIVE OF CHRIST

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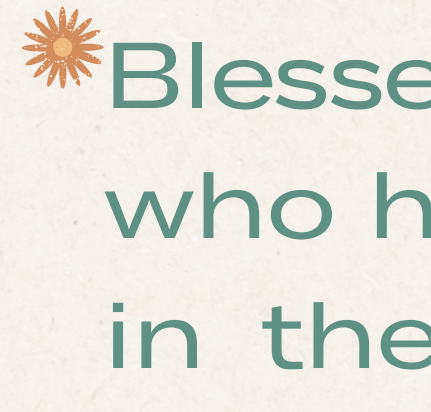


“Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.”

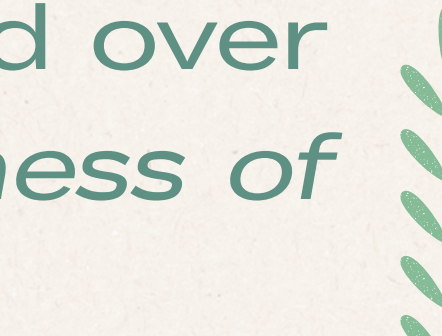
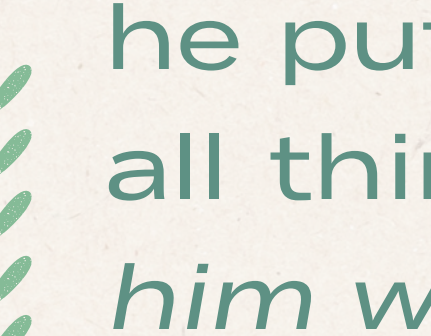
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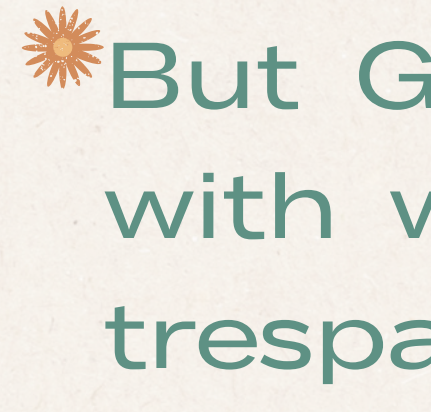


Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places... having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is **the hope** to which he has called you, what are **the riches of his glorious inheritance** in the saints, and what is **the immeasurable greatness of his power** toward us who believe, *according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places... And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*


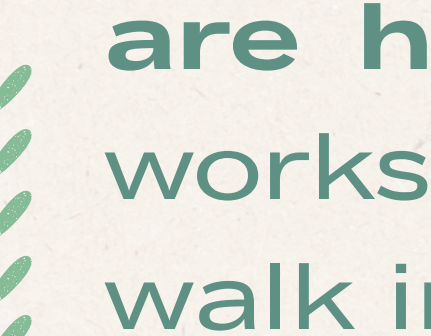


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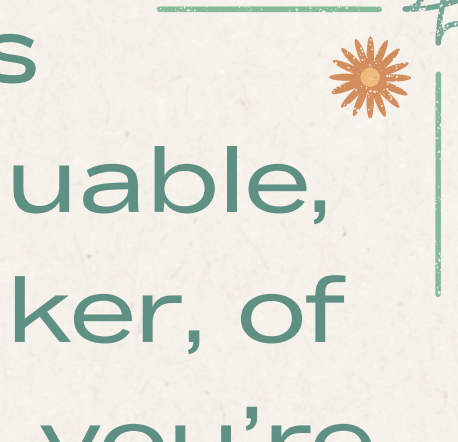



But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive together** with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and **raised us up with him** and **seated us with him** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the 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. **For we are his workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

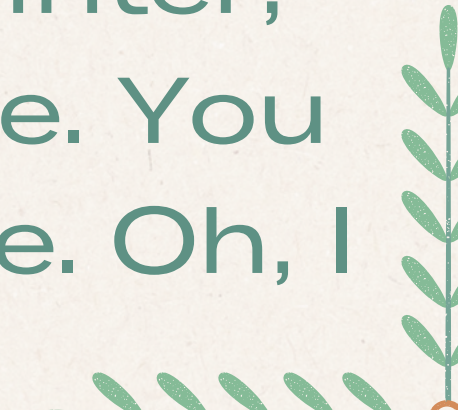



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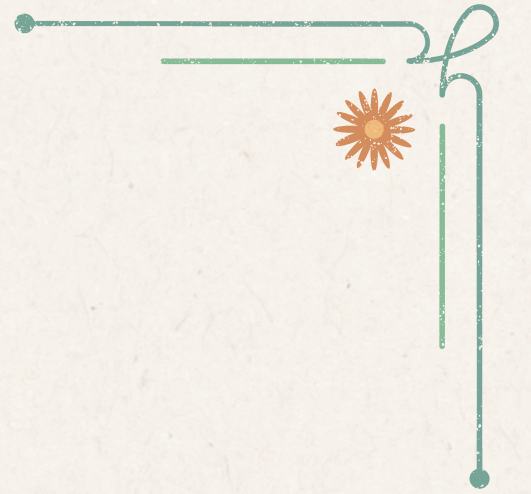
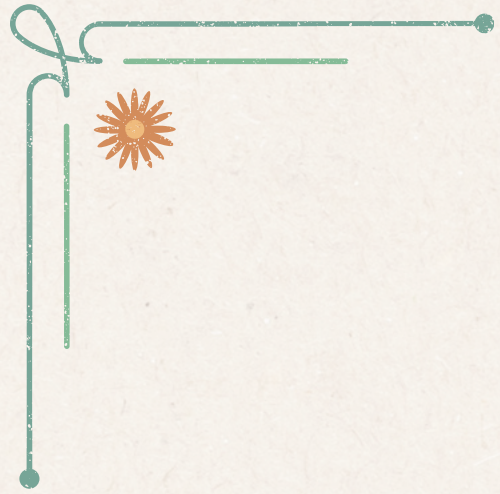


“Do you know what it means that you are God’s workmanship? What is art? Art is beautiful, art is valuable, and art is an expression of the inner being of the maker, of the artist. Imagine what that means. You’re beautiful, you’re valuable, and you’re an expression of the very inner being of the Artist, the divine Artist, God Himself. You see, when Jesus gave Himself on the Cross, He didn’t say, “I’m going to die just so you know I love you.” He said, “I’m going to die, I’m going to bleed, for your splendour. I’m going to re-create you into something beautiful. I will turn you into something splendid, magnificent. I’m the Artist; you’re the art. I’m the Painter; you’re the canvas. I’m the Sculptor; you’re the marble. You don’t look like much there in the quarry, but I can see. Oh, I can see!”



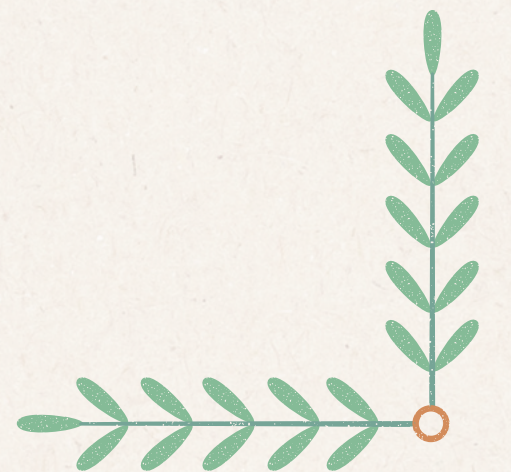
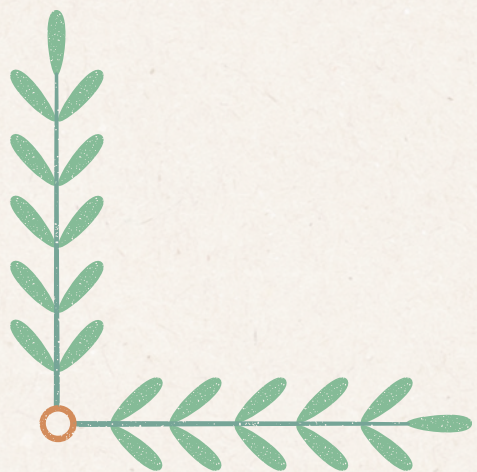
TIMOTHY KELLER





“Each of our lives is the canvas on which the Master is  
producing a work of art that will fill the everlasting ages with  
His praise”

J.B. PHILLIPS





# RESURRECTION REALITIES

NEW LIFE  
NEW IDENTITY  
NEW PURPOSE

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

