

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

Psalm 63:3 (ESV)



God's Unfailing Love

Exodus 34:6-7

hesed – “goodness” (KJV), “steadfast love” (ESV), “faithful love” (CSB), “unfailing love” (NLT), “loyal love” (NET), “lovingkindness” (NASB95)

Coupled with “truth / faithfulness” – a dependable grace

Expresses God’s immeasurable and incomparable love
(Ephesians 3:18-19)

A scenic view of a waterfall cascading over rocks in a forest with autumn foliage. The water is white and frothy as it falls, surrounded by green and yellow leaves. The background is a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn colors.

Two Illustrations of *hesed*

Ruth shows its gracious character
(Ruth 1:8, 3:10)

David shows its reliable character
(1 Samuel 20:14-15, 2 Samuel 9:1,3,7)

Better Than Life

The strong build their confidence on God's unfailing love –
Psalm 21:7, 144:2

The penitent appeal to God's unfailing love –
Psalm 25:6-7, 51:1

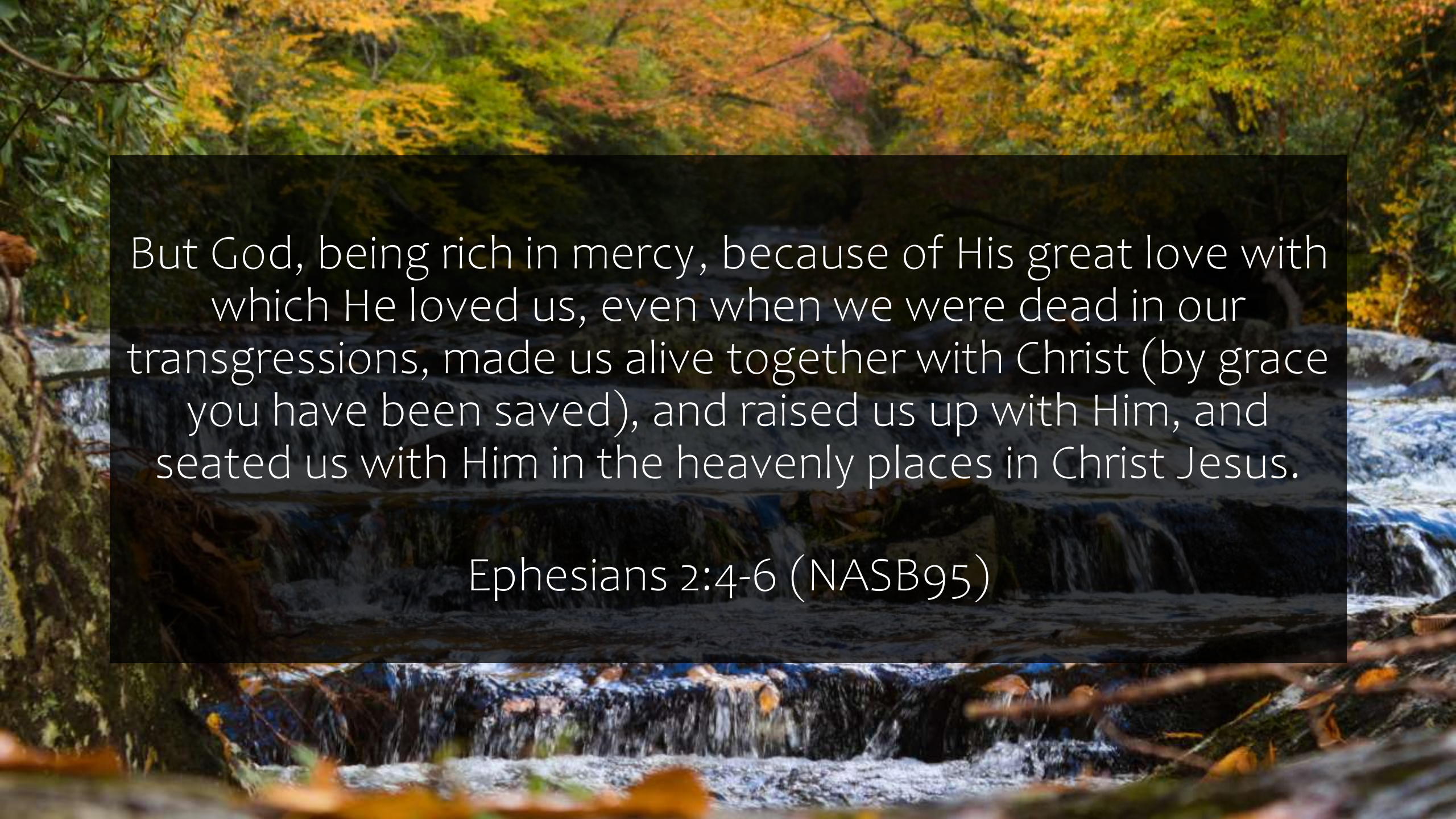
The redeemed rejoice in God's unfailing love –
Psalm 138:1-3, 40:9-10

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The despairing take comfort in God's unfailing love –
Psalm 42:5-8, 94:18-19

The persecuted watch for God's unfailing love –
Psalm 69:13-16, Psalm 59:9-10

The hungry feast on God's unfailing love –
Psalm 119:124, 159



But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, 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.

Ephesians 2:4-6 (NASB95)