

Chapter 2

He putteth them in mind of their vnworthines before they were Chriftians; that al the praife may be giuen to the grace of God: 11. and of the enmitie that was then between the Iew and the Gentil, 15. vntil now that Chrift by his Croffe hath made both one, taking away the ceremonies of the Law, and making one body, and building one holy Temple of al in his Catholike Church.

And you when you were dead by your offenses and finnes, ² wherin fometime you walked according to the courfe of this world, according to the Prince of the power of this aire, of the fpirit that now worketh on the children of diffidence, ³ in whom alfo we al conuerfed fometime in the defires of our flefh, doing the wil of the flefh and of thoughts, and were by nature the children of wrath as alfo the reft: ⁴ but God (which is rich in mercie) for his exceeding charitie wherewith he loued vs, ⁵ euen when we were dead by finnes, quickned vs together in Chrift, (by whose grace you are faued,) ⁶ and raifed vs vp with him, and hath made vs fit with him in the celeftials in Chrift IESVS, ⁷ that he might fhew in the worlds fucceeding, the abundant riches of his grace, in bountie vpon vs in Chrift IESVS. ⁸ For by ⁹ grace you are faued through faith (and that not of your felues, for it is the guift of God) ^{9 a)} not of workes, that no man glorie. ¹⁰ For we are his worke, created in Chrift IESVS in good workes, which God hath prepared that we should walke in them.

¹¹ For the which caufe be mindful that fometime you were Gentils in the flefh, who were called prepuce of that which is called circumcifion in the flefh, made with hand: ¹² who were at that time without Chrift alienated from the conuerfation of Ifrael, and ftrangers of the Teftaments, hauing no hope of the promife, and

^a It is faid, not of workes, as thine, of thy-felf being vnto thee, but as thofe in which God hath made, formed, and created thee. *Aug. de gr. & lib. arbit. c. 8. & feq.*

without God in this world. ¹³ But now in Chrif IESVS, you that fometime were farre off, are made nigh in the bloud of Chrif. ¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and diffoluing the middle wal of the partition, the enmities in his flesh: ¹⁵ euacuating the law of commandements in decrees: that he may create the two in himfelf into one new man, making peace, ¹⁶ and may reconcile both in one body to God by the croffe, killing the enmities in himfelf.

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¹⁷ And comming he euangelized peace to you that were farre off, and peace to them that were nigh. ¹⁸ For by him we haue acceffe both in one Spirit to the Father.

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¹⁹ Now then you are not ftrangers and forreiners: but you are citizens of the Saints, and the domefticals of God, ²⁰ built vpon the foundation of the Apoftles and Prophets, IESVS Chrif himfelf being the higheft cornerstone: ²¹ in whom al building framed together, groweth into an holy Temple in our Lord, ²² in whom you alfo are built together into an habitation of God in the holy Ghof.

ANNOTATIONS

8 By grace you are faued through faith.) Our firft iuftification is of God's grace, and not of our deferving: becaufe none of al our actions that were before our iuftification, could merit or iuftly procure the grace of iuftification. Againe, he faith, *through faith*: for that faith is the beginning, foundation, and root of al iuftification, and the firft of al other vertues, without which it is impoffible to pleafe God.

Our firft iuftificatiō of mere grace, & faith the foundation therof.

20 Built vpon the fundation.) Note againft the Heretikes that thinke it difhonourable to Chrif, to attribute his titles or callings to mortal men, that the faithful (though builded firft, principally, and properly vpon Chrif) yet are faid here to be built alfo vpon the Apoftles and Prophets. Why may not the Church then be builded vpon Peter?

The Church builded vpon Chrif, and yet vpon the Apoftles alfo.