

A man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, is seated in a theater. He is smiling and looking towards the right. His right arm is resting on the back of the seat in front of him. The background is filled with other audience members, mostly blurred, sitting in rows of red seats. The lighting is warm and focused on the man.

SAVED YOU A SEAT

*a series for
you and your
friends*

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to be a Christian?

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⁷ By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this **Good News**.

Ephesians 3:7

NLT

⁸ Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the **Gentiles** about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. ⁹ I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had **kept secret** from the beginning.

Ephesians 3:8–9

NLT

¹⁰ God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10–11

NLT

¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

Ephesians 2:14

NLT

¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself **one new people** from the two groups.

Ephesians 2:15

NLT

¹⁶ and might **reconcile** us both to God in **one body** through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Ephesians 2:16

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I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all **humility** and **gentleness**, with **patience**, **bearing with** one another in **love**, ³ eager to maintain the **unity** of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**.

Ephesians 4:1–3

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Being a Christian is about
believing AND belonging.