

God's Grace



The Crown Jewels



The Scepter:
The whole object is 3 ft long, weighs around 2.6 lbs, and is decorated with 333 diamonds, 31 rubies, 15 emeralds, 7 sapphires, 6 spinels and 1 composite amethyst



The magnificent Cullinan I (top left, 530.2 carats) is the world's largest top quality white cut diamond. The huge uncut stone was discovered in South Africa in 1905, and was cut to create nine major stones and 96 smaller brilliants in all.

Cullinan II (bottom right, 317.4 carats), the second largest stone, is now set into the front band of the Imperial State Crown.



Esther 5:2 And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.



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 - ▶ Mercy is an emotional concern
 - ▶ refers to God's kindness and sensitivity.
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- ▶ Ephesians 2:5

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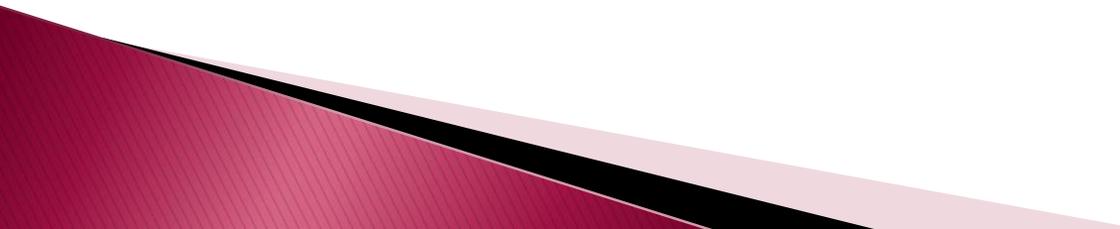
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- Save: Deliverance or rescue from danger

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- ▶ Ephesians 1:19–20
- ▶ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the **dead** and **seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places**

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 - Heavenly realms: the unseen world of spiritual reality

- ▶ Why did God save us?
 - ▶ Ephesians 2:7 “in order that He might demonstrate in the coming ages the surpassing wealth of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”
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