



GRACE
THE ONLY HOPE FOR HUMANITY
EPHESIANS 2:1-10

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1. See _____
(vv. 1-3)

Ephesians 2:1–10 (ESV)
2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

2. Trust _____
(vv. 4-8)

3. Live _____
(vv. 9-10)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ephesians 2:1-3.** Why is an understanding of man's depravity and God's wrath so important to appreciating God's grace? What is lost when we skip over the reality of sin or judgment as we talk about the gospel?
2. Find another passage in the Bible that describes the love and/or grace that has been shown to us through salvation. Alongside Ephesians 2, what about these passages cause you to marvel afresh at the grace of God?
- 3. Read Romans 3:27.** What are some of the ways you might be tempted to boast in your own spiritual condition? How should a right understanding of the gospel lead to humility and what should that humility look like in your life?
- 4. Read Romans 6:1.** Why would a desire to keep sinning in the name of "grace" show a misunderstanding of what God's grace really is? (Look at Romans 6:2-4 and Titus 2:11-14 for answers!) Why should a correct understanding of grace lead to a zeal for good works?
- 5. Read Ephesians 2:10.** What are some of the good works you would like to see displayed in your own life this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Gilbert, Greg. *What is the Gospel?* Crossway, 2010.

Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity.* HarperOne, 2001.

Piper, John. *Future Grace.* Multnomah. 2012.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for the grace that He has shown us through Jesus Christ!

Pray that many in the Treasure Valley would trust in Christ this Easter.

Pray that our lives would display humility and good works.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
4/10	Judges 10-12	John 4
4/11	Judges 13-16	John 5
4/12	Judges 17-19	John 6:1-21
4/13	Judges 20-21	John 6:22-71
4/14	1 Samuel 1-3	John 7
4/15	1 Samuel 4-7	John 8:1-30