

"Celebrating the Gospel's Work" (Part 2)

Ephesians 2:1-10

Critical Concept: Every person is born spiritually dead and completely separated from spiritual life in God, but God in His rich mercy and abundant grace made sinners alive through faith in Christ Jesus, showing the immeasurable riches of His grace and kindness.

I. "He's such a good person" - Exposed.

A. The honest truth: *"You were dead."*

B. The path of the dead: *"in which you once walked."*

C. The nature of the dead: *"children of wrath."*

II. "He's such an unfair God" - Exposed.

A. But God ...

B. God made us alive with Christ.

C. Salvation: *A work of grace by means of faith.*

III. "I'm saved, I can live how I want" - Exposed.

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)

GRACE
IS GETTING SOMETHING YOU
DON'T DESERVE, AND
MERCY
IS NOT GETTING WHAT
YOU DO DESERVE.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, 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, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:4-7 (ESV)