

**GRACE... NO GREATER GIFT**  
MINI-SERIES ON THE GRACE OF GOD

PART 1

**“OVERWHELMED BY GRACE”**

**“What We So Desperately Need He So Abundantly Provides”**  
(Introduction: Ephesians 2:1-10)

**INTRODUCTION:**

**THE LARGER CONTEXT: THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS**

- Looking at Ephesians through the Theme of God’s Grace to us in Christ

1. Grace has \_\_\_\_\_ Us in Christ—That’s \_\_\_\_\_ ! (1:3-23)
2. Grace has \_\_\_\_\_ Us in Christ—That’s \_\_\_\_\_ ! (2:1-22)
3. Grace has \_\_\_\_\_ Us in Christ—That’s \_\_\_\_\_ ! (3:1-21)
4. Grace has \_\_\_\_\_ Us in Christ—That’s \_\_\_\_\_ ! (4:1-6:9)
5. Grace has \_\_\_\_\_ Us in Christ—That’s \_\_\_\_\_ ! (6:10-20)

**THE LIMITED CONCENTRATION: EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

- The Contrast that Paul Draws:

What Paul does in this passage is to draw a contrast between what man \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_ and what he \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

“...and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”

—Ephesians 2:3b

“...in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His  
grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus...”

—Ephesians 2:7, 8a

**1A. THE AMAZING \_\_\_\_\_ WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED (2:1-3)**

- It answers the question, “What is our \_\_\_\_\_ He saved us?”

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”

- 1B. Before the intervention of redemptive grace, we were \_\_\_\_\_. (2:1)
- 2B. Before the intervention of redemptive grace, we were \_\_\_\_\_. (2:2-3a)
- 3B. Before the intervention of redemptive grace, we were \_\_\_\_\_. (2:3b)

## 2A. THE AMAZING \_\_\_\_\_ WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED (2:4-6)

- It answers the question, "What \_\_\_\_\_ He saved us?"

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, 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,..."

1B. We have gone from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. We have gone from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

3B. We have gone from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3A. THE AMAZING \_\_\_\_\_ WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED (2:7-9)

- It answers the question, "\_\_\_\_\_ did He save us?"

"...in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

- Salvation is neither our \_\_\_\_\_ ("...that not of yourselves...") nor our \_\_\_\_\_ ("...not as a result of works..."). Therefore, there is no place for \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

"But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace."

—Romans 11:6

## 4A. THE AMAZING \_\_\_\_\_ WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED (2:10)

- It answers the question, "\_\_\_\_\_ did He save us?"

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose:

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose:

## CONCLUSION: