

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31

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Ephesians 2

Main Idea:

Through faith in Jesus, all of His disciples are partakers of the same miraculous salvation. This commonality overwhelms all perceived differences and unifies them as one people, at peace with God and with one another.

Outline:

Context: The greatness of the believer's salvation in Christ – 5 summary truths from vv.1 – 11

- 1) Salvation is from sin and death (vv. 1–3)
- 2) Salvation is rooted in God's love and mercy (vv. 4–5)
- 3) The Christian's blessedness in salvation manifests God's glorious grace (vv. 6–7)
- 4) Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus (vv. 8–9)
- 5) As a result of their salvation, believers become God's special workmanship (v. 10)

Unity

- 1) The basis of Christian Unity: The salvation in Christ shared by all believers
- 2) The key result of Christian unity: Peace

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 Read Ephesians 2:10. What is the point of Paul's description of believers as God's "workmanship"?

- What is our mission as redeemed people?

#2 Read 2:13. What is the meaning of the gentile believers having been "far off" before coming to Christ in faith?

- Once in Christ, do the distinctions of "Jews" or "gentile" remain – or should all believers simply be regarded as Christ's ("Christians")?
- Is there a danger in affixing other identifying labels to our identity as Christians?

#3 What are some of the dangers of disunity among believers?

#4 How can evident unity among believers within a local church strengthen its testimony?