

L54 | Ephesians | "For His Great Love" | Eph. 2:1-10

I. Intro/Review:

1. Time Past Conversation
 1. Dead
 2. Walk in deadness
 - Walked according to the course of this world
 - Walked according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience
 3. Conversation in the lusts of the flesh
 - Fulfilling
 1. The desires of the flesh
 2. The desires of the mind
 4. Were by nature children of wrath
2. But God
 1. Hath quickened us together with Christ
 2. Hath raised us up together
 3. Hath made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus

II. Preview:

1. Who is Rich in Mercy
2. For His Great Love Wherewith He Loved Us
3. Quickened, Raised, Seated
4. The Shew of the Exceeding Riches of His Grace in His Kindness

III. Sermon:

**But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
{Ephesians 2:4}**

1. **Who is Rich in Mercy**
 - **"But God"**
 1. Not you
 2. Not the prince of the power of the air
 3. No angel
 4. But God - adverse to you, the world, and the adversary

- **"who is rich in mercy"** - Ps. 130:7 - "Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption."
 - **"mercy"**
 - Provision for "weakness" (Ps. 6:2), "trouble" (Pt. 9:13), "desolate and afflicted" (Ps. 25:16), "adversities" (Ps. 31:7), "grief" (Ps. 31:9), "sorrows" (Ps. 32:10)
 - Ps. 77 - (:8)
 - Defence and refuge in trouble - Ps. 59:16-17
 - 1. Ps. 5:7 - "...in the multitude of thy mercy..."
 - 2. Ps. 23:6 - "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."
 - 3. Ps. 25:10 - "All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth..."
 - 4. Ps. 85:10 - "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other."
 - Mercy and the word of truth
 - Ps. 147:11 - "The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy."
 - 5. Ps. 89:14 - "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face"
- **"rich mercy"**
 - Ps. 57:10 - "For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds."
 - Ps. 66:20 - "Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me."
 - Ps. 86:5 - "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."
 - Ps. 86:13 - "For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell."
 - Ps. 100:5 - "For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."
- Mercy and Love
 - Ps. 51:1 - "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions."

2. **"for His great love wherewith He loved us"**

- This great love is His
- Loves us for His love
- Eph. 2:4 - "chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:
 - Rom. 5:1-11 - "love of God"

- :8 - "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
 - John 3:16 - for God so loved the world
- :9 - **"much more then"**
 - 1 Tim. 4:10
 - 1 Jn. 3:10
 - Rom. 8:31-32; 1 Cor. 2
- God commends His love when we were sinners and enemies, but "the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him" concerning the knowledge of "the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe" is to know all that He did.
 - Eternal Counsel for us to be in Christ before the Father in love, thus His love is commended, then when the word of truth is believed He does something according to His mighty power wrought in Christ, thus the exceeding greatness of His power to you - quickens, raises, and seats you purposefully.
 - He does it "for His love" and that love loves you. His love provides the power!
- "loved" - past tense
 - "quickened", "raised", "made"
- "He might shew" - future (contrast to children of wrath)

3. Quickened, Raised, Seated

1. Quickened (regeneration)
 - **"even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ"**
 - Opposite of Romans 5:12 (it is Rom. 5:21)
 - Passing from death to life
 - Col. 2:11-15 - "circumcision", "buried with Him in baptism", "risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God (effectual working)
 - **"(by grace ye are saved;)"**
 - This grants you "freely all things with Christ"
 - Quickening is the saving
2. Raised
 - "and hath raised us up together"
 - Newness of life
 - All things new
 - Not fulfilling the lusts of flesh - being filled with Christ (Eph. 3)
3. Seated
 - "and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"
 - Contrast to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience

- Far above all
- In this world and the world to come
- Preparation for Eph. 1:10

IV. Conclusion: