

# Small Group Notes

Sermon: 22 January 2023



## EPHESIANS

**Grace**  
**Ephesians 2:1-10**

# **SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 2:1-10

## **OVERVIEW**

Paul opens up this section with a bleak picture of what our reality was like apart from Christ. It says that we were dead in our trespasses, following the world, the flesh and the devil - and because of our sinful nature we were all under God's righteous wrath.

Paul then goes on to say 'But God...' setting up a glorious contrast between our previous life and what we now enjoy in Christ. Christ was made alive, raised up and seated in the heavenly places - and the same can be said of us because we are united to Christ.

We have been saved solely by the grace of God, and not by any of our works - we have nothing that we could possibly boast in. And because of our grace-based life in Christ, we now live in response to that.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. In Ephesians 2:1-3, Paul describes the spiritual state of humanity before coming to faith in Christ. How do these verses resonate with your own experiences or perceptions of humanity's spiritual condition?
2. Paul states that we have been made alive, raised up and seated with Christ. What does this mean, and what impact should this have on your life?
3. Salvation is purely a gift from God, not something that is earned through good

works. We heard that this grace isn't just for the start of our Christian journey, but is for the whole of the Christian life. How should resting in the grace of God impact your life?