

By Grace Alone Ephesians 2:4-10

From Pastor Phillip

But God.

These are two of the most powerful words in the Bible. You may be helpless, hopeless, or hurting, *but God* brings hope amidst the darkness through His glorious grace. Ephesians 2:4 begins with “But God”. The bleak news we heard in Ephesians 2:1-3 doesn’t have to be the end of the story, all because of God’s grace alone.

- I. **Who God is:**
 - A. Rich in Mercy
 - B. Rich in Love

- II. **What God did for us:**
 - A. Saved us from God’s Wrath
 - 1. Made us alive with Christ
 - 2. Raised us up with Christ
 - 3. Seated us with Christ

- III. **When God saved us:**
 - A. When we were dead

- IV. **How God saved us:**
 - A. By Grace
 - B. Through Faith

- V. **Why God saved us:**
 - A. To squelch any human boasting
 - B. To show the immeasurable riches of His grace
 - 1. In the present
 - 2. In the future

“There is more mercy in Christ than sin in us.”

Richard Sibbes

FOR NEXT TIME—Read Ephesians 2:11-18

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

- 1. What is most amazing to you about God’s grace? How can that influence how you worship God and how you treat others?
- 2. In light of this passage, what is the relation between God’s grace and our works? Why should believers care about doing good works?