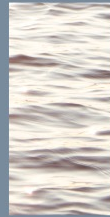
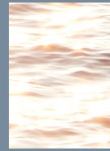
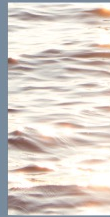


REFRESH



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**God's refreshing grace:  
it saves us and sustains us.**





REFRESH



## Ephesians 2:1-10

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As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.



## Ephesians 2:1-10

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4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.



# Ephesians 2:1-10

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**8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
**9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Pastor:** This is the word of the Lord.

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God.



“You are more wicked than you ever dared believe and yet, you are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than you ever dared hope.”

**Timothy Keller**



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**You are more wicked than you ever dared believe.**





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**You are more wicked than you ever dared believe.**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23



## Ephesians 2:1-3

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As for you, you were **dead in your transgressions and sins**, 2 in which you used to live when you **followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air**, the spirit who is now at work in those who are **disobedient**. 3 **All of us** also lived among them at one time, **gratifying the cravings of our flesh** and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature **deserving of wrath**.



# SIN

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The act of choosing our own way and leaving God out of the picture.



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“The main thing between you and God is not so much your sins; it’s your damnable good works.”

**John Gerstner, Presbyterian theologian**



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# But God...



## Ephesians 2:4-7

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4 But because of his **great love** for us, God, who is **rich in mercy**, 5 **made us alive** with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is **by grace you have been saved**. 6 And God **raised us up** with Christ and **seated us with him in the heavenly realms** in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the **incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness** to us in Christ Jesus.



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God's grace saves us and sustains us.

We were dead **But God...**made us alive!

We deserve wrath **But God...**lavished us with love and grace

Followed the world & Satan **But God...**unites us with Christ!



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**God's grace saves us and sustains us.**

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Titus 3:5** He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.





## Ephesians 2:8-9

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**8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
**9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

# GRACE

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God giving us what we don't deserve.  
God's unmerited favor.



# Ephesians 2:10

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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



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Grace/Faith + works = Salvation

**WRONG!**



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# Grace/Faith + works = Salvation

“Nothing that you or I can do, however great or small, can save us. If we think there is, we are still trusting ourselves and our own ability rather than Christ.”

James Montgomery Boice



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Grace/Faith + works = Salvation **WRONG!**

**Grace/Faith = Salvation + works**

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# Grace/Faith = Salvation + works

- The Ticket Holder

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What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

James 2:14





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# Grace/Faith = Salvation + works

- The Ticket Holder
- The Do-Gooder Christian

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# Grace/Faith = Salvation + works

- The Ticket Holder
- The Do-Gooder Christian
- The Refreshed

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God's grace saves us and sustains us.

**Matthew 11: 28-30, MSG**

