

The Personal Impact of the Resurrection

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Context - After explaining the work of the Trinity in our salvation in Ephesians 1, Paul now in Ephesians 2 explains the power of grace through the resurrection in our lives in Christ.

Because of the resurrection...

I. _____ your past (vs. 1-5)

- A. We were all once dead and followed the course of this world - fulfilling the passions of our flesh and desires of our bodies and minds, but God has made us alive together with Christ.
- B. Far more than anything else, a spiritually dead person needs to be made alive by God. Salvation brings spiritual life to the dead. The power that raises believers out of death and makes them alive (cf. Rom. 6:1–7) is the same power that energizes every aspect of Christian living (cf. Rom. 6:11–13). (John MacArthur)

II. _____ your place (vs. 6-7)

- A. We have been raised up with Christ and given a new live. We have also been “seated with him in the heavenly places.”
- B. Your place now is not with satan and the sinful passions of this world, but it is with Christ and His kingdom.

III. _____ your painting (vs. 8-10)

- A. We are God’s “workmanship” or masterpiece. Created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has planned for us to fulfill.
- B. Each of our lives is an unfinished painting that God will fill out as we go - doing the predestined works of the kingdom that bring glory to Him.