

ALIVE TO GOD'S LOVE

**JOY RIDE | WEEK ONE**

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

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- The Shoreline Church's Mission Statement: *"Following Jesus Together"*
- The first step through the "gate" of salvation (by believing in Him) is also the first step onto the pathway of following Him for a lifetime
- What if every area of my life became alive to God's love? What would it look like?

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## EPHESIANS 2:1-10

“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

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4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

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8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

# LIVING IN POWER

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## EPHESIANS 2:4-7

- God's power brought us from death to life! – He raised us with Christ, He seated us with Christ (2:4-7)
- “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” Romans 8:11
- Being alive to God's love means we don't shrink back from putting ourselves in positions to trust in His power

# LIVING IN GRACE

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## EPHESIANS 2:5, 8-9

- “8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” Ephesians 2:8, 9
- God’s grace means that His favor was placed upon us not because we were beautiful, but in order to make us beautiful!
- “Without a heart transformed by the grace of Christ, we just continue to manage external and internal darkness.” Matt Chandler

# LIVING IN FREEDOM

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## EPHESIANS 2:10

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

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“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.”

GALATIANS 5:13

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## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER...

1. SURRENDER: Have I surrendered to God's love by putting my faith in Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and new life?
2. SOAK: Have I soaked deeply in the reality of that God's love for me? That I have transitioned from death to life? What if every area of my life became alive to God's love? What would change for me?
3. SEEK: What aspect of God's love do I most need to seek right now? Do I need to seek to live in His power? To accept and extend His grace? Or do I need to embrace the freedom He has given me?