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# UR Church This Week!

**Sunday –**

**10AM – Sunday School**

**11AM – Worship**

**Monday – Wednesday**

**11AM – 1:30PM Lunch**

**Wednesday**

**7PM – Bible Study**

**1 Peter**

**Thursday**

**Pantry Day?**

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**CCBC**

**Stay Connected Of  
Changes In Schedule  
With Changes In The  
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Ephesians 2:1-10

*You Were... You Are... So Live It!*

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## Reality #1

God has designed a plan for church to include you.

- If you are a true follower of Christ (Christian), God's love you does not end even when you feel unlovable or undeserving of love.

## Reality #2

God has not and will not leave you orphaned if you are follower of Christ.

## Reality #3

God has designed a plan for church to a partnership between Himself and believers in Christ. This partnership is not restrained to the walls of building, social economic status, ethnic heritage, or any other dynamic except the gospel

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## Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



# Madness *Ephesians 2:1-3*

## Reflection Of The Agents (Ephesians 1:15-23)

- Anchored by the Holy Spirit
- Authority of Jesus

## Reflection Of Our Previous Anchor

- Dead
- Trespasses and sins

## Reflection Of Our Life

- Walking in sin
  - We sin because we are born sinners not because we sin
  - Our sin nature is a direct problem for the fall of mankind

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# Madness *Ephesians 2:1-3*

## Reflection Of The World

- Following “the prince of the power of the air”
- Now at work among the disobedience
- We are not born generally good people
- We are born as enemies of God and His righteousness
- Our current spiritual battle – Ephesians 6:10-13

## Reflection Demonstrated

- Passions of our flesh
- Carrying out – pursuing with reckless abandonment
  - Our flesh
  - Our desires of the body
  - Our thought life
- Children of wrath
- All in the same situation

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**Colossians 1:21**

**And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,**

**Colossians 2:13**

**And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,**

**Galatians 5:16–18**

**But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

**Romans 5:10**

**For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.**



# Mercy *Ephesians 2:4-7*

## 2 Three Letter Words

- “But God”
- Opposite of mankind
- Rich in mercy
- Great love
  - Godly love
  - Compassion – even while we were dead in our trespasses

## Alive in Christ... Not Dead

- God’s grace demonstrated
- Resurrected with Christ
- Seated with Christ

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# Mercy *Ephesians 2:4-7*

## Reality To Come

- Coming age... remember we are exiles
- Immeasurable riches of grace
  - The reality of heaven and His holiness
  - Demonstration of kindness
  - All through Jesus Christ

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## Titus 3:4–7

**[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

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# Means *Ephesians 2:8-10*

## All Through Grace Alone

- Remember the context of the first century church
- God's favor towards the unrighteous
- Saved from death now have life

## Grace Given Through Faith

- The confident trust
- Reliance upon Jesus
- Only means of salvation

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# Means *Ephesians 2:8-10*

Not You... But God

- Grace... a gift
- We cannot earn salvation
- Boosting only in Christ

His Workmanship

- Created in Christ Jesus for good works
- God prepared
- Walk in them

Faith Is Demonstrated By Works

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## James 1:22–25

**[22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25] But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

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## James 2:14–26

**[14] What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? [15] If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? [17] So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**

**[18] But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. [19] You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! [20] Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? [21] Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? [22] You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; [23] and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. [24] You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. [25] And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? [26] For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.**

# Does Your Life Reflect Christ Or Your Past?

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