

Advent 2020
THE UNCLAIMED GIFT
Ephesians 2:1-10
Week 2 December 6, 2020
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Why do we like Christmas?

Worldly Wisdom: There is no such thing as a Free Lunch

How do you make up for a mistake?

God's standards are perfect.

WE WERE ALL SPIRITUALLY DEAD

It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us.

Ephesians 2:1-3 MSG

Sin is saying no to God.

GOD MADE US ALIVE IN CHRIST

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 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 2:4-7 NIV

If you want to be in heaven with God, will you let Jesus pay for your sins?

WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

Grace is getting what we do not deserve.

God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:24 MSG

For the gift to apply to us we must accept it and open it.

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24 NIV

Don't miss out on the best gift this holiday season.
Jesus is the best gift you could ever open.