

EPHESIANS
Once Dead but Now Resurrected to Life
Lesson #3, Ephesians 2:1-10
(Discussion Group Leaders)

In Eph. 2:1-10 the Apostle Paul explains the pre-converted state of every believer, what motivated God to save believers, how believers are saved, and to what end they are saved. This section is the second example of “the surpassing greatness of God’s power towards those who believe” (Eph. 1:19).

- I. Eph. 2:1-3 explains the unconverted state of every unbeliever.
 - A. What implications does being spiritually dead have on an unbeliever’s ability to worship God, understand the Word of God, overcome sin, be saved, or give glory to God in any way?
 - B. How does knowing that unbelievers are spiritually dead effect the way we evangelize the lost?
 - C. How does knowing that unbelievers are spiritually dead effect the way we counsel those who don’t know the Lord?
 - D. When a person is spiritually dead, who or what are they enslaved to, and who or what controls them? Do the spiritually dead realize their true condition?
- II. What is the significance of “*but God*” in vs. 4 to the life of every believer?
- III. In vss. 4-7 we learn about what motivated God to save us while we were spiritually dead:
 - A. Mercy, vs. 4
 - B. Love, vs. 4
 - C. Grace, vss. 5 & 7
 - D. Kindness, vs. 7
 - E. How do all these relate to one another? What do they teach us about *how* believers are saved? And what should be the believer’s response?
- IV. In Eph. 2:8-9 we are given six reasons why salvation is not of man, and one purpose for salvation not being of man.
 - A. How should being saved by grace effect our lives and worship?
 - B. How should knowing salvation is by grace effect our evangelism?
- V. What is God’s purpose for saving sinners according to vs. 10?
 - A. How should we understand those who claim to be Christ’s, but don’t fulfill their purpose for being saved?
 - B. How is the phrase “*works prepared beforehand that we would walk in them*” an encouragement to every believer?

Prayer Topics

- Thank God for at least two amazing statements found in Eph. 2:1-10.
- Ask God for discernment when dealing with those whose lives or profession indicate they do not know the Lord.
- Ask God to help you fulfill the purpose of your salvation.