

Walk in the Spirit

Ephesians 2:1-10

Lesson 12

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. What especially ministered to you from Ephesians 1:15-23?
2. Do you live in the awareness of the greatness of your salvation? It is so easy to forget our former condition without Christ. Therefore, it is always good to remember where we once were and what Jesus has done for us!

In Ephesians 2:1-10 Paul explained our predicament before salvation - *dead in trespasses and sins*, and subjected to *the course of this world* because of *the prince of the power of the air*. However God, *who is rich in mercy*, radically altered our hopeless state. God saved us by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ.

Use the study this week to consider and grow in a deeper appreciation of your salvation through Jesus Christ. Give a title to the sections below:

- a. Ephesians 2:1-3
 - b. Ephesians 2:4-7
 - c. Ephesians 2:8-9
 - d. Ephesians 2:10
3. Take a moment to ask God to give you a greater appreciation of so great a salvation!

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-5

SECOND DAY: Read Ephesians 2:1-3

1. At the close of Ephesians 1, Paul described the power of God as demonstrated through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to Ephesians 2:1a, how has that same power been demonstrated toward us?
 - a. What was our previous spiritual condition? Ephesians 2:1b
 - (1) Print the two causes for this condition. Ephesians 2:1c
2. What was our previous *course*? Ephesians 2:2a
 - a. Use 1 Peter 4:3 to describe this *course*.
3. According to Ephesians 2:2b, who was dictating our former *course*?
 - a. Link this with 1 Peter 5:8 and share your thoughts about those who walk in this *course*.
 - (1) How do you see the pervasive influence of Satan working in *the sons of disobedience* today?
 - (2) How will this affect your attitude as you pray for unbelievers?
4. Paul stated in Ephesians 2:3a that *we all once conducted ourselves* in the same way as the *sons of disobedience*. Why do you think this is important for believers to remember? See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and Titus 3:3-4.
 - a. What is the outcome of this *course*? Ephesians 2:3b
5. Write a phrase of praise for the Lord's work in:
 - a. making you *alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins*
 - b. delivering you from the *course of this world*

THIRD DAY: Read Ephesians 2:4-7

1. Print the two words that signal God's divine intervention. Ephesians 2:4a

2. From Ephesians 2:4b reflect and comment on the characteristics of God that caused Him to intervene.
 - a.

 - b.

3. According to Ephesians 2:5a, *when* did God reach out to us?
 - a. Why is this remarkable? See also Romans 5:8.

4. Use Ephesians 2:5b to state how we *have been saved*.
 - a. What does this convey to you about your salvation? See also Titus 3:4-5.

5. Describe your new position in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6
 - a. This is how God sees you. How are you blessed knowing this reality?

6. What are God's plans for the *ages to come*? Ephesians 2:7
 - a. How do these plans excite you about the future?

 - b. Share a way you are experiencing:
 - (1) *the exceeding riches* of God's grace

 - (2) *His kindness* toward you

FOURTH DAY: Read Ephesians 2:8-9

1. Personalize the glorious truth of Ephesians 2:8a as you print it here.
 - a. Comment on:
 - (1) *grace*

 - (2) *faith*

 - b. What was the only thing required for you to receive God's *grace*?

2. From Ephesians 2:8b-9a list the three things Paul made clear about salvation:
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.
 - (1) According to Ephesians 2:9b, what does this prevent?

 - (2) Link this with Romans 3:23-27a. Share your thoughts.

 - (3) Why do you think Paul chose to reiterate these truths?

3. How would you use what you studied today to:
 - a. minister to another believer

 - b. lead someone to salvation

FIFTH DAY: Read Ephesians 2:10

1. In Ephesians 2:10a what did Paul declare us to be?

- a. The Greek word for *workmanship* is *poiema*. The idea is that we are God's beautiful poem or His work of art. What does this communicate to you concerning how God values you?

2. Answer the following from Ephesians 2:10b:

- a. Who were we *created in*?

(1) Use 2 Corinthians 5:17 to remark on the significance of this.

- b. What were we created *for*?

(1) Use Matthew 5:16 to highlight the purpose of the *good works, which God prepared for us*.

3. In Ephesians 2:10c what did Paul state about the *good works* we were created *for*?

- a. Link this with Philippians 2:13 and share your thoughts.

(1) Share how you have been led into the *good works* that God foreordained for you.

4. What does it mean to you to be God's *workmanship*?

