

RL GROUPS

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Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive in Christ

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 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. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Questions for Discussion

1. When is a time that you experienced someone showing you grace?
2. For you, is it easier to show grace to others or to receive grace from others? Why do you think that is?
3. In Paul's teaching, he says that we are unable to do the good works God created us to do without grace. Why do you think that Paul teaches that grace comes before righteous living?
4. What does it mean for you to join in God's mission of showing grace to others? How might you need to trust God differently to join in on that mission?
5. What "next step" will you take this week toward showing someone more grace than they deserve? Who is someone who could keep you accountable toward taking that step?

As you close your time together, have each person share a word that represents a step that God is asking them to take this week and lift those words up to God during a time of prayer.