

GOD'S POWER AND GRACE IN OUR SALVATION

Ephesians 2:1-7

INTRODUCTION

- A. _____ that had been directed to _____ (1:19-20) is now toward _____.
1. We who were _____ are now made _____. 2:5
 2. We who walked _____ are now _____ . 2:6
- B. Eph 1:3-14 was _____, focusing upon the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; 2:1-10 is _____, focusing upon _____.
- C. So we must put our faith and our hope in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I. Our Despicable Past 2:1-3

- A. _____ in sin 2:1
1. The condition: _____
 - a. but still in God's _____ Gen 1:26-27; James 3:9
 - 1) that is: self conscious
moral - knowing right from wrong
God conscious
 - 2) Why do modern men want to see themselves in the image of lower creatures?
 - for then we have pulled ourselves up, we evolved ourselves
 - for then there is no God over us
 - for then we can compare ourselves to the Jones, not God
 - for then there are no absolutes; we set our own standards
 - for then there is no future judgment.
 - b. We are much more than spiritually _____.
Pelagius died c. A.D. 425, British
 - every soul is created by God and therefore _____.
 - only effect of Adam's sin is his _____.

2. The activity
 - a. We could and did _____.
 - b. We walked _____.
--like "sleep walking"
 3. The effects
 - a. _____ are dead
 - b. In some, however, the death is _____.
 - 1) Lk 8:40-56 Jairus' daughter
 - 2) Lk 7:11-15 widow's son
 - 3) Jn 11:38-44 Lazarus
- B. Followers of _____ 2:2
1. Our model was _____
 2. Our teacher was _____. Jn 8:44
- C. Evil by _____ 2:3
1. We all Rom 3:23
 2. By our nature cf. Col 3:5-7

II. Our Present Position 2:4-6

- A. Our _____ before God 2:4
1. God acted _____ Rom 5:8
 2. God acted out of _____
--Grace is:
--Mercy is:
Rom 5:6-10
 3. God acted out of _____
Rom 5:8-9; Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:7-11, 19; 1 Thess 4:9
- B. Our _____ 2:5
1. It involves receiving a _____
Jn 3:5; 5:24; 10:10, 28; 1 Jn 5:11-12
 2. It involves a _____
2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2:10; 4:24, Jere 24:7; Ezek 36:26
- C. Our _____ 2:6
Gal 2:20; Col 3:3-4; Eph 2:6; Rom 6:3-5; Rom 7:1-6

III. Our Fabulous Future 2:7

- A. In order that God might show _____
- B. God's amazing grace