

GOD'S POWER AND GRACE IN OUR SALVATION

Ephesians 2:1-10

I. Our Despicable Past 2:1-3

- A. Dead in sin 2:1
 - 1. The condition: total depravity
 - a. but still in God's image Gen 1:26-27; James 3:9
 - b. so we are much more than spiritually sick.
 - 2. The activity
 - a. We could and did sin on a daily basis.
 - b. We walked in sin.
 - 3. The effects
 - a. All are dead
 - b. In some, however, the death is more evident.
- B. Followers of the world and Satan 2:2
 - 1. Our model was the world
 - 2. Our teacher was Satan. cf. Jn 8:44
- C. Evil by nature 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
- D. Our _____ 2:6
 - 1. in _____
 - 2. in Christ's _____ Col 1:13
cf. Heb 11:5 "translated" → "transferred"

III. Our Fabulous Future 2:7

- A. In order that God might show _____
1. throughout the coming _____
 2. we know of two: _____
 3. God is _____ to begin many more _____.
- B. Can we comprehend God's _____?
1. Leading into chapter 2 Paul had been focusing upon God's power, now he is shifting to God's grace.
 2. A feeble illustration

IV. Our Salvation Explained 2:8-10

- A. A _____ from God vss. 8 - 9
1. This _____ is God's gift
 - faith or grace?
 - cf. Rom 4:4-5; Titus 3:5
 2. Our works create spiritual _____
 3. An accomplished _____.
 - perfect tense
 - misuses
 - strong grammatical statement
- B. This Work of God 2:10
1. Our works _____ our salvation
 - a. they do not _____ our salvation
 - b. apples on an apple tree do not _____ it an apple tree, but they do _____ that it is an apple tree.
 2. Even post-salvation works provide no basis for _____.
 - a. for God reprogrammed us for _____.
 - b. how?
 - c. other Scriptural support
Titus 2:11-14; 3:1-8, 14

Conclusion

Ephesians 2:1-10 is a compact Romans Road (3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10, 13)
Also compare Titus 3:3-8.