

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 favor before God 2:4
 - 1. God acted despite us. Rom 5:8
 - 2. God acted out of mercy Rom 5:6-10
 - 3. God acted out of love Rom 5:8-9; Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:7-11, 19; 1 Thess 4:9
- B. Our regeneration 2:5
 - 1. It involves receiving a new life Jn 3:5; 5:24; 10:10, 28; 1 Jn 5:11-12
 - 2. It involves a new nature, a new heart 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2:10; 4:24, Jere 24:7; Ezek 36:26
- C. Our new union with Christ 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

IV. Our Salvation Explained 2:8-10

- A. A gift from God vs. 8 - 9
 - 1. This all is God's gift
 - 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

Our Position in the Church of Jesus Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22

Emphasis of Ephesians:

That the church is the body of Christ and that we Gentiles are equal to and one with the Jews in Christ's Church.

I. Our Position of Unity in Christ 2:11-22

A. Our past position 2:11-22

1. Our former _____ 2:11
 - a. Gentiles regarded Jewish circumcision as a _____.
 - b. Jews regarded uncircumcised Gentiles as _____ from God.
 - 1) but the circumcision of most Jews was merely an _____.
 - 2) God intended it to be a repudiation of _____
 - cf. Col 2:11; Deut 30:5-6; Jere 9:25-26

2. Our former _____ 2:12
 - a. without Christ -
 - b. alienated from the nation of Israel -
 - c. strangers to the covenants -

 - d. no hope - 1 Thess 4:13
 - e. without God - everyone who does not know _____ does not know God
cf. 1 John 2:20-23; 4:1-3, 13-15; 5:9-13; Jn 14:6-11; Jn 10:30

B. Our new position 2:13

1. Once far off, now _____
2. Once without God, now _____
3. The five exclusions are now _____
 - a. we are now _____.
 - b. we now possess Israel's blessing which they have temporarily forfeited
Rom 11:1, 5, 11, 23-27
 - c. we are now heirs of the _____ Gal 3:8-9, 14, 29
 - d. we now have _____ 1 Thess 4:13
 - e. God is now our _____ Gal 4:6-7