

The Church: Made Alive with Christ by the Grace of God

Ephesians 2:1-7

“The motivation for God’s action lies in His character alone. He has great love for those who are the objects of His wrath, who walk in ways entirely contrary to what He desires and what He has purposed for humanity. He is rich in mercy, and those incomparable riches are seen and expressed in the Lord Jesus Christ. ... What is quite extraordinary is that, having made it clear that we are dead and incapable therefore of change, God has done for us spiritually what He did for Christ physically. Christ was raised from death to life; so are we. Christ was seated in the heavenly realms; so are we. The destiny and privilege experienced by Christ alone has been made ours by the grace, mercy and love of God.” Simon Austen

- 1) Dead in Transgressions and Sins (2:1-3)
 - a. *Followed the ways of this world*
 - b. *Followed the ruler of the kingdom of the air*
 - c. *Gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature*
- 2) But God ... (2:4)
 - a. *His Great Love*
 - b. *His Rich Mercy*
- 3) Together with Christ (2:5-6)
 - a. *Made us alive*
 - b. *Raised us up*
 - c. *Seated us in heavenly realms*
- 4) In order that He might ... (v. 7)
 - a. *Show the incomparable riches of His grace*
 - b. *Expressed in His kindness to us*

Questions for Reflection:

1. When you accept your position before God, how does that impact your life here on earth?



Personal Study Notes

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Insights Gained:

Hopelessness and Helplessness without Christ (vs. 1-3)

Dead in your trespasses and sins (vs. 1)

Walked according to the ways of this world (vs. 2)

Previously lived among them in our fleshly desires (vs. 3)

Hope in Christ (vs. 4-10)

Made us alive . . . even though we were dead (vs. 5)

Together with Christ Jesus (vs. 6)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

- 1)
- 2)

