

Family Worship Guide

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Ephesians 2:1-10

“Being Made Alive in Christ”

2 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

NOTES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Understand your past condition while apart from Christ (1-3)

- Dead in trespasses and sins
- Separated from God
- Powerless to save yourself

2. Embrace your present reality having been united with Christ (4-7)

- “But God...” – God intervened to give you life
- “Rich in mercy” – God withholds the punishment you rightly deserve
- “Great love” – God demonstrates His love toward you (see Romans 5:8)
- “Even when we were dead” – God acts despite your condition
- “He made us alive” – God acted; you are the passive recipient of His love and mercy
- “He raised us up” – God gave you spiritual life in Christ
- “He seated us with him” – God secured your eternal home in heaven with Christ

3. Grasp a proper understanding of the truth of Christ (8-9)

- You are saved by grace through faith in Christ
- You did nothing to merit your salvation; it is the gift of God
- You cannot work for your salvation; therefore, you cannot brag about your salvation

4. Fulfill God’s plan and purpose for you in Christ (10)

- You were created (in Christ) to do good works
- You do not do good works *in order to be saved*; you do good works *because you have been saved*¹

¹ This outline was adapted from a sermon preached by Dr. Mike McCormick, July 16, 2011.