

Family Worship Guide

Sunday, June 12, 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.

QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

Getting Started

- What special gift have you received recently?

Going Deeper

- In this passage, Paul divides a Christian’s life into two periods. What are they? Who controlled you in the first period? What was the result?
- If we are “dead” because of sin (v. 1), how are we made alive (vv. 4-5)?
- What is the relationship between God’s grace and good works?
- What has God’s grace meant to you in your life?
- What good work do you feel God may have in mind for you?

Bringing it Home

- What in your life is due only to God’s presence and goodness?¹

¹ Questions taken from *Serendipity Bible for Groups*, 4th Ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998), 1626.