



Who You Are by Grace
6th in the “Ephesians” Series
Ephesians 2:4-7
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Introduction

In this passage, we learn about our spiritual condition and life with Christ.

This text gives us four truths about our status before God and the nature of our life with Christ.

1) With Christ, you can receive the great love and rich mercy of God (v. 4).

2) With Christ, you are spiritually alive (v. 5).

2 Cor 5:17 – “if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old is gone the new is here.”

3) With Christ, you are raised and seated with him in the heavenly realms (v. 6).

Hebrews 4:14-16 – ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

4) With Christ, you will receive the riches of his grace in the New Creation (v. 7).

Response

Lord, help us to see and celebrate the gospel and the gift of participating intimately in God through Jesus Christ.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) What are the benefits and blessings of being a Christian? How would you describe them to a non-Christian?

- 2) Paul reveals that God's grace to us is "because of his great love for us" and out of the fact that he "is rich in mercy" (v. 4). How much love and mercy must God have for us? How do you personally respond to this truth?

- 3) What does it mean to be "made alive" spiritually (v. 5)? What changes when a person is resurrected spiritually by their faith in Christ?

- 4) Our union with Christ or participation in Christ is a big deal in this text – note all the uses of "with Christ" and "in Christ" in these verses. Why do you think the Bible runs everything spiritual between God and us "through Christ," and how should that instruct us?

- 5) What is the significance of the fact in v. 6 that we have been raised up with Christ (sharing in his resurrection) and that we are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (sharing in his ascension)? How does this give you confidence in your struggles and suffering in our fallen world today?

- 6) The message of these verses can feel very theological and lofty. Do they feel that way to you? At a practical level, how do these verses inform your Christian faith and life or even help you walk more closely with Jesus?

- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: 1 John 4:13 (Mon); 1 Corinthians 6:17 (Tues); Galatians 2:20 (Wed); Galatians 3:27 (Thurs); Colossians 2:12 (Fri).