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"God's Gracious Salvation"

Ephesians 2:1-10

Memory Verses: Ephesians 2:4-5

Big Idea: Christian, you have been saved from sin, by love, into life, with a purpose, through faith, unto good works.

I. Remember the State from Which You Were Saved (2:1-3)

- A. You were spiritually dead (2:1).
- B. You were disobedient (2:2-3).
- C. You were doomed (2:3).

II. Rejoice in the New Birth You Experience in Christ (2:4-5)

- A. "Jesus answered him, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).
- B. "Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).
- C. Ezekiel 36:25-27
- D. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- E. "He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure" (Psalm 40:2).

III. Reflect on the Eternal Inheritance You Have in Christ (2:6-7)

- A. "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11).
- B. "Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

IV. Praise God for His Gift of Grace (2:8-9)

- A. "We have all become like one who is unclean, and our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away" (Isaiah 64:6).
- B. "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

V. Obey God with a Transformed Life (2:10)

- A. The gospel is for our salvation and our sanctification.
- B. We're saved by faith alone but the faith that saves is never alone.
- C. How is your life different?

Conclusion

- A. Christian, you have been saved from sin, by love, into life, with a purpose, through faith, unto good works.
- B. The Gospel Definition