



Unit 9 | Session 6

## GOD TAKES SIN SERIOUSLY

### Ephesians 2

Paul wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus. Paul taught that God takes sin seriously.

People are different before they trust in Jesus and after they trust in Jesus. Paul wrote, “Before you knew Jesus, you were dead in your sins. We all lived like that, doing whatever felt right to us.”

The Bible says the fair punishment for sin is death. People who do not trust in Jesus face spiritual death too; they are separated from God forever. This is very sad news.

But God’s plan for people is good news. Paul wrote, “But God, who is full of mercy, made us alive with Christ! You were saved by grace!” Everyone who trusts in Jesus will have life with God forever!

Then Paul explained, “God raised us up with Christ and gave us a seat with Him in the heavens.”

Paul wrote, “For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves: it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast. We are God’s masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do the

good works God has prepared for us to do.”

**Christ Connection:** God takes sin seriously. People deserve to die for their sins, but God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus, to defeat death by dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the dead. Everyone who trusts in Jesus has eternal life.



## LEARN

### THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks.

1. Paul wrote the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ (EPEHNSISA) to a church, teaching them about the seriousness of sin.
2. Before being saved, we were \_\_\_\_\_ (DDEA) in our sins.
3. Sin has \_\_\_\_\_ . (CCOUQEENNSSE)
4. God is full of \_\_\_\_\_ . (RECYM)
5. God has made us \_\_\_\_\_ (VEALI) in Christ.
6. We are saved by grace through \_\_\_\_\_ . (THAIF)
7. We are God's \_\_\_\_\_ (CEPIERESTAM), created in Christ to do the good works God has prepared us to do.
8. God takes sin \_\_\_\_\_ . (SEIRLYUOS)
9. Jesus defeated \_\_\_\_\_ (THEAD) by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.
10. Everyone who trusts in Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ (NALETER) life.

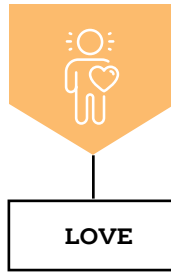
» What does this story teach us about God?

» How does God changes us when we trust in Jesus?

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## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

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» Does God ever allow sin to go unpunished?

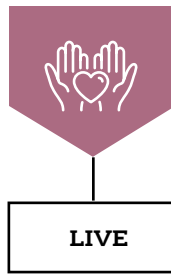
» How did Jesus pay for our sin?

» Who can be saved?

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## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find Romans 6:23 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending Jesus to make us alive in Him.

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### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Revelation 21:4

☐ 1 John 1:8-10

☐ Psalm 103:12

☐ John 8:34

☐ Romans 5:8

☐ Romans 5:12