

## ZOOM Small Group Bible Study May 13, 2020

### Ephesians 2:1-7 Study References

**Ephesians 2:1-7 (ESV)** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

#### I. "SIN" vs 1-3: Reminiscent of the "fall of man" in the garden with Adam and Eve in Genesis 3

We are separated from God because of our sins (trespasses [knowing and unknowing], transgressions [willful and unwillful] and iniquities [premeditated]) and become spiritually dead.

Sin is going against God's word and will through disobedience. That occurs by doing what is wrong as well as not doing what is right based on God's word and direction.

We are tempted to sin by the world, Satan, and our flesh.

Our sins break the heart of God.

**Genesis 6:5-6 (NASB)** <sup>5</sup> Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

**Isaiah 59:2 (CSB)** <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities are separating you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not listen.

**Romans 3:23-24 (ESV)** <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

**Romans 6:23 (AMP)** <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### II. "SALVATION" vs 3-6: Genesis 3 God gives the promise of a redeemer (vs 15).

The shedding of blood to cover sins first happened in the garden when God made "garments of skins" of animals for Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:21.

We are brought back to life in Jesus Christ.

"But God" - ONLY through God's grace will our sins be completely forgiven. No can be good enough or earn salvation. (Ephesians 4:4, Romans 5:8)

## "GRACE" - God's Riches At Christ Expense

By God's love and the riches of His mercy and grace through the gift of His Son Christ Jesus are we forgiven of our sins.

By God's mercy we do not receive the punishment for our sins we deserve.

By God's grace we receive His undeserved favor and reward – "the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Genesis 3:15** (AMP) <sup>15</sup> "And I will put enmity (open hostility) between you and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, and you shall [only] bruise His heel."

**Isaiah 53:5** (NIV) <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

**Romans 5:6-11** (NASB) <sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. <sup>11</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

### III. "SHOW" vs 7: Glorify God in our lives and works of service to grow His church – the family of God - by sharing God's love and Gospel - the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Romans 8:28-39** (ESV) <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**1 John 4:7-8** (CSB) <sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.