

LIFE GROUP 4 (FALL 25)

Mission: To foster Christ-centered engagement in the life of our congregation.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Open It

Build Community 1	Do you consider yourself more of an introvert or extrovert? Who in history (outside of the Bible) would you most like to meet?	5-10 Min.
Build Community 2	What's the most memorable vacation or trip you've ever taken? Do you have a hidden talent or a fun fact about yourself people may not know?	5-10 Min
Adoration	Finish this statement: God's grace is powerful, it can... <hr/> How are we saved by grace? How does faith and baptism fit into God's plan?	5 Min
Nurture 1	Read Ephesians 2:1-10 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, 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 coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not 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, that we should walk in them.	10-15 Min.

Context

In this passage, Paul contrasts life before Christ with the new life believers have through God's grace. It highlights humanity's helplessness in sin, God's mercy and love, salvation by grace through faith, and the calling to live as God's workmanship.

TIME TO DISCUSS:

1. **Verses 1–3** describe life before Christ: dead in sin, following the world, enslaved to desires. What does Paul mean by being “dead in trespasses and sins”? How does this description challenge cultural ideas that people are “basically good”?
2. **Verses 4–5** What does this reveal about the source of salvation? How does God's mercy and love contrast with our condition in verses 1–3?
3. **Verses 6–7** What does it mean to be spiritually raised with Christ now? How does this connect to the hope of eternal life?
4. **Verses 8–9** Why is it so important that Paul repeats this truth? How might this challenge people who think they can “earn” salvation?
5. **Verse 10** calls believers “God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” What does this say about the purpose of salvation? How do good works fit into the Christian life if they are not the basis of salvation?

Application / Personal Reflection

6. How does remembering your “old life” (vv. 1–3) help you appreciate God's grace more deeply?
7. Where have you experienced a clear “But God...” moment in your own life?
8. How do you personally struggle with the temptation to rely on works instead of grace?
9. In what ways can you live out being God's “workmanship” this week—in your family, workplace, church, or community?
10. If someone asked you to explain salvation using this passage, how would you summarize it in your own words?

Nurture 2

What can we pray for in your life?

5-10 Min

Additional information

Schedule a time and place to meet again.