

EPHESIANS

WEEK 3

ONCE...

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT) Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil - the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

WHY IS THE CONCEPT OF DEAD SO IMPORTANT HERE?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE OF "DISOBEDIENCE" AND "MANY SINS"?

WHAT ARE DESIRES AND INCLINATIONS?

WHAT THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES IS BEING TAUGHT HERE?

WHAT THEME IS PAUL INTRODUCING ?

BUT GOD...

Ephesians 2:4-7 (NLT) But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

WHAT IS OUR WORKING DEFINITION OF MERCY?

WHEN WERE WE GIVEN LIFE?

WHERE ARE WE SEATED AND WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE UNITE WITH CHRIST?

WHEN...

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

WHEN ARE WE SAVED?

WHY IS CREDIT AN IMPORTANT THEME?

WHEN REWARD IS THE EMPHASIS, WHAT HAPPENS?

WHY WERE WE CREATED "ANEW"?