

OH WHAT A SAVIOR! PART 2

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. GOD'S GRACE

Our salvation is all about the grace of God, and His mercy towards sinners.

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:4-6)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 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.” (Romans 5:8-10)

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...” (Ephesians 2:1)

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(Ephesians 2:4-5)*

Us (v 1): dead in trespasses and sin.

God (v 4-5): But God..... loved us and made us alive together with Christ

“ in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.” (Ephesians 2:2)

“and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” (Ephesians 2:6)

Us (v 2): walked in the ways of the world.... as sons of

disobedience.

God (v 6): But God.... raised us up with Him, seated us with Him in the heavenly places... in Christ Jesus.

And if that weren't enough, **God showers us with even more grace!**

“Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.” (Ephesians 2:3)

“so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:7)

Us (v 3): we indulged in desires of the flesh and were children of wrath.

God (v 6): showed the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us.

Just how long does God show us this kindness?

“...in the ages to come” (Ephesians 2:7)

For the remainder of the ages to come, which is for ALL ETERNITY!

Dead in Sin..... God loved us.

Sons of Disobedience.... God raised us up.

Children of wrath.... God shows His grace in kindness toward us.

“even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ” (Ephesians 2:5)

Application: How can we use this in our daily lives?

First, we need to live a live of total abandon and surrender to the Lord. Jesus Christ paid it all. All to Him I owe.

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you

may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”
(Romans 12:1-2)

2. GOD’S GLORY

“So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

(Ephesians 2:7-10)

God saves us FOR HIS GLORY. Our salvation is HIS handiwork. HE gets the glory, not us.

According to vs. 10, **we were created in Christ Jesus for what?**

Good Works.

Who gets credit for the good works? **God does.**

Not only did He prepare US for good works, He prepared the good works for us beforehand.

We walk in the Good works that God has prepared for us, and who gets the Glory?

The church? No.

The pastor? No.

Each one of us for our salvation? NO.

To God be the glory! It’s all about Him!