

DIGGING DEEPER

Ephesians 2

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Ephesians 2:1-10

- In Ephesians 2, how does Paul describe the contrast between who we are now in Christ with who we once were?
- In Ephesians 2:2, what does it mean that we once walked according to the ways of the world?
- In Ephesians 2:5, what does it mean to be made alive with Christ?
- What reasons does Paul give for why God has now “made us alive with Christ?”
- How do these descriptions of God’s action toward us move or encourage you? Are any of them new or surprising insights?
- Based on these verses, how would you define “grace?”
- According to these verses, what part have we contributed to our own rescue?
- According to v. 9, why is it so important that we understand our rescue as a gift of grace?
- What hope or excitement does v. 7 give you for the future? Why? What does it say about what God enjoys displaying?

Ephesians 2:11-18

- According to vv. 14-16, what was one major purpose for which Jesus went to the cross?
- What two kinds of reconciliation did Jesus accomplish in the cross (v. 16)?
- What “dividing walls of hostility” are still active in our community and world today?
- Paul’s over-arching argument in this chapter is that the radical unity described in vv. 14-18 cannot happen without understanding the radical grace described in vv. 1-10. In other words, *only radical grace produces radical unity*.
- How does a realization of God’s grace level the playing field, so that true unity is possible?

Ephesians 2:19-22

- What do we see as the end result of different groups and classes of people understanding God’s grace in Christ? Do you think we’re experiencing this kind of “living temple” here in our church community?
- How can you let God’s grace move you to start crossing those dividing lines and pursuing unified relationships?