

I AM THANKFUL FOR Grace So Amazing

Eph. 2:1-10

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2 You were dead through the trespasses and sins² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ^{†a1}—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 ages to come 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 the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

I am thankful for Grace so Amazing, because...

I. OUR SITUATION REQUIRED GRACE. (v.1-3)

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two expressions:

1. OUR SITUATION WAS HELPLESS

Here he also uses two figures to set that forth.

i) v.1 DEAD "You were dead through the trespasses and sins"²

ii) v.2 SLAVERY "in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient."

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We were controlled by:

1) World

2) Satan-

3) OSN-

2. WE WERE IN A STATE OF HOPLESSNESS v. 3b

"like the rest WE"

II. THERE IS THIS SALVATION THAT REVEALS GRACE. (v.4)

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us

2 beautiful pictures of what it means to be saved:

1. A PICTURE OF A RESURRECTION: *⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ^{†a1}—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,*

2. The Picture of Recreation v.10¹⁰ *For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

v.7⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

III. OUR SUPPLICATION AS SINNERS, RECEIVED IT. v. 8,9

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