Review: 1. Humanity in sin is in a deplorable position...

- 2. Before we were converted we were just like the rest...vs. 1-3
- 3. But God... our only hope, vs. 4
- 4. Now we are alive...obedient...and the difference is God...

I. God's Work for Us... vs. 6

- A. He has Raised us...
- 1. In the past...
- 2. To Heavenly places...
- B. It is Always In Christ... see Ephesians 1:19-23 cf. 6:12

Implications:

- II. <u>God's Purpose In His Work... vs. 7</u>
- A. To Show the Riches of His Grace...
- B. He Saved us to be Trophies of His Grace—FOR ETERNITY...

Observation:

III. <u>The Manner of God's Work... vs. 8-9</u>

- A. By Grace...
- 1. Unmerited favor...
- 2. It is present tense...

Observation:

- B. Through Faith...
- 1. Faith is knowing, believing and trusting...
- 2. It is not natural...
- 3. It is God's Gift...
- C. Not by Works...

Lesson: There is no room for boasting... Titus 3:5; Romans 3:23ff Observation: <u>Application:</u>