

The Grace of God

(Ephesians 2:1-22)

- Introduction:
1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know. Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.
 2. There are few passages that address the importance of Jesus than Ephesians 1.
 3. Twelve times in Ephesians 1, we are told of blessings that are ours because we are “in Him.” (Chosen, redeemed, gathered, heirs, predestined, sealed, etc.).
 4. But Ephesians 2 picks up where he left off and tells us how much more we are blessed by being in Christ.
 5. In doing so, he uses a pattern...
 - a. What we were.
 - b. What God did.
 - c. What we are now.

I. God’s Grace Raised Us to Reign (Ephesians 2:1-10)

- A. What We Were (Ephesians 2:1-3).
 1. Dead in trespasses (Ephesians 2:1).
 2. Children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3).
- B. What God Did (Ephesians 2:4-9).
 1. But God... (Ephesians 2:4).
 2. Made us alive with Christ and raised us up to sit in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-6).
 3. Saved us (Ephesians 2:8).
- C. What We Are Now (Ephesians 2:10).
 1. His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10).

II. God’s Grace Reconciled Us to Worship (Ephesians 2:11-22)

- A. What we were (Ephesians 2:11-12).
 1. Without Christ, without God, and having no hope (Ephesians 2:11-12).
- B. What God did (Ephesians 2:13-17).
 1. But now in Christ... (Ephesians 2:13).
 2. We were brought near and reconciled by the blood/cross of Jesus (Ephesians 2:14-16).
- C. What we are now (Ephesians 2:18-22).
 1. Fellow citizens and members of the household (Ephesians 2:19).
 2. Part of a spiritual temple for a dwelling place of God (Ephesians 2:20-22).

- Conclusion:
1. What more can be said than Paul said at this time of invitation?
 2. In Christ, there is hope; outside of Christ, there is only hopelessness.
 3. Why flirt with disaster any longer?