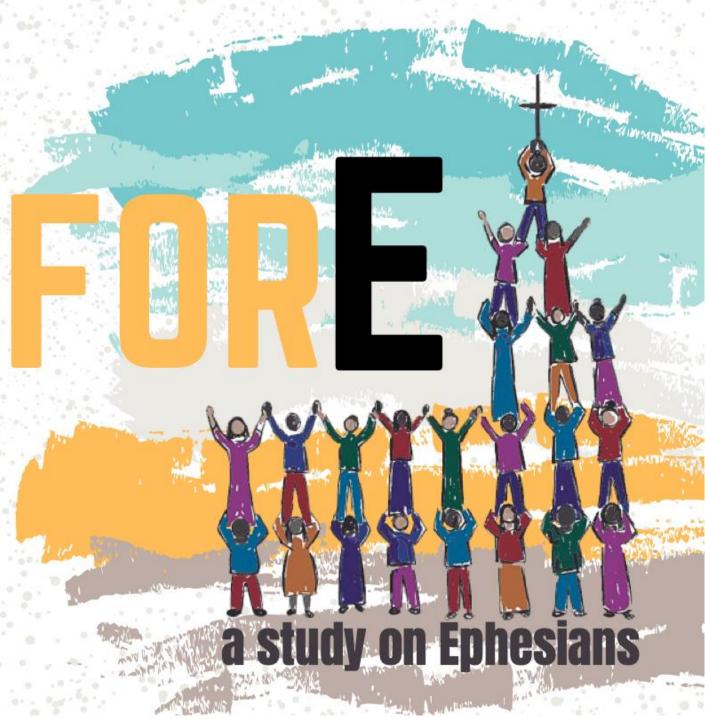


Grace





¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

Ephesians 2:1-10



⁶ and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

⁷ so that in the coming ages 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 a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1-10



DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SIN v.1-3 Three Deaths in the Bible:

- 1 SPIRITUAL DEATH (Adam & Eve) (Gen 3)
- 2 PHYSICAL DEATH (Cain & Able) (Gen 5)
- 3 ETERNAL DEATH (Hell & Separation) (Rev 20)

Prince of the Power of the Air - Satan

- Following the Course of the World "DISOBEDIENCE"

Passions of Flesh, Desires of Body and Mind, living by nature of the World, like <u>ALL</u> Mankind

"CHILD OF WRATH"



BUT GOD... v.4-5

Rich in Mercy -

"NOT getting what we DO deserve"

Because of His Great Love which He loved us!

When did He love us?? After we earned it? After we bought it? After we passed the "love test?"

v. 5 - "...even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ!"

Made Spiritually ALIVE – Through Christ.



BY GRACE! V.5-7

"... by grace you have been saved."

HE raised us up & seated us in the Heavenly Places --- In Christ Jesus

"In the coming age" – Eternity, Larger than our current understanding!

"Immeasurable Riches of His Grace"
Salvation - Eternity Starts NOW!

"IN Kindness"

- Our Sins will NEVER exhaust HIS LOVE

NO ONE CAN BOAST! v.8-9

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BY GRACE --- YOU'RE SAVED --- THROUGH FAITH What do you "do" for a gift?

- NOTHING Freely Given
- We do nothing We get NO glory!
 - His Love, His Grace, His Glory

ΠΟΙημα (poiema) – Workmanship v.10

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- HIS WORKMANSHIP, IN CHRIST JESUS POEM, CREATED WITH CARE & THOUGHT
- FOR GOOD WORKS
- FAITH FIRST WORKS FLOWS OUT OF FAITH
- GOD PREPARED THEM NOT OUR PLANS
- WE WALK IN THEM!
 OBEDIENCE IS OUR PART



"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

- Corrie Ten Boom

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