

Ephesians: The Believers' Blessings #9 Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NASB)

Dead in sin

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
² in which you formerly walked according to (under control of) the course of this world, according to (under the control of) the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Made alive

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Cleansed

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 surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Humbled

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;
⁹ not as 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 so that we would walk in them.

Three Dimensions of Grace

1. _____ acceptance.
Romans 11:5-6; Galatians 5:4.
2. God's empowerment for _____ and _____.
Acts 4:33; 2 Timothy 2:1; 1 Corinthians 15:10.
3. God's _____ from sin.
Romans 6:1; Jude 1:4.

The Impact that Grace has on the Believer

4. Makes us _____ in Christ (_____).
Ephesians 2:4-5.
5. Sets us _____ with Christ (_____ work).
Ephesians 2:6.
6. Makes us a _____ servant of Christ

(Unconditional _____). **Ephesians 2:8-10.**
7. Grace is _____ a thing that I use, grace is something that uses me.

Charles Spurgeon

This is how grace works; it enters the soul, penetrates the heart, saturates the conscience, abides in the memory, affects the affections, gives understanding to the understanding, and imparts real life to the heart, which is the seat of life.