

Ephesians 2:1-10 - Saved by Grace

How do we fit in God's Christ-centred masterplan for the universe?

1) Our spiritual condition: not sick but dead

(v1-3)

2) Our gracious saviour: not assisting but accomplishing

(v4-7)

3) Our great salvation: not by good works but for good works

(v8-10)

For further discussion

- After the high of 1:22-23, why does Paul launch in with the news that we are spiritually dead in 2:1?
- v1-3: How else does Paul describe our spiritual condition in v1-3? What room do these verses leave for the possibility of saving ourselves? Why is it so important for Christians to understand what we were? We often shy away from thinking of ourselves or others as "objects of wrath" (v3) – why is this central to Paul's gospel message?
- v4-7: How does what God has done for us in Christ relate to what God did to Christ himself in 1:15-23? How do these verses further emphasise the security of our salvation? What about v7 – what does that add? Is God just an egotist?
- v8-10: How would you define grace from these verses? How would you answer someone who says that the Christian concept of grace means we can just live however we like? In what ways are we sometimes tempted to boast in our Christian lives?