

A GRACIOUS ENLIVENING

Ephesians 2:1-10

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I. Apart from Christ, we are dead in sin (vv. 1-3).

- A. Our spiritual death involves moral inability.
- B. Our spiritual death involves immoral living.
- C. Our spiritual death involves divine wrath.

II. United to Christ, we are alive to holiness (vv. 4-10).

- A. Our spiritual life flows from divine grace alone.
- B. Our spiritual life leads to obedient living.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why do you think Paul uses the imagery of death to explain our natural spiritual state?
2. Are we able in our sin to obey God's law or believe the gospel? Why, or why not?
3. How would you describe God's wrath? What does Paul tell us about God's wrath in our text (v. 3)?
4. What is regeneration? Who alone can make dead sinners like us alive?
5. What is the difference between being saved *by* good works and being saved *for* good works? Which one does the Bible teach?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Understanding vv. 1-3, spend some time meditating on vv. 4-5. Does the greatness of God's love and grace move me to worship?
2. Do I sometimes consider myself as better than others just because of God's grace in my life? What does Paul say about such boasting?
3. Am I walking in good works as a new creature in Christ? What encouraging fruits of God's grace do I see in my life?