

Resurrection With Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10

Key Word: Dead

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by grace you have been saved— 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.

Outline of the Text

1. **Amazing Depths** (vv.1-3)
2. **Amazing Heights** (vv. 4-7)
3. **Amazing Grace and Work** (vv. 8-10)

Big idea: It is all God's initiative of amazing grace that saves us.

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John 3:36 John the Baptist said, “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains in him.”

What is depravity?

Depravity means that every part of the human person is tainted by sin. It does not mean that all humans are equally rotten, because most people don't go near the depths to which they could go. It also does not mean that humans are not capable of any good (Luke 11:13), or that there is no dignity for man, for there is, because the person apart from Christ is still an imperfect bearer of the divine image (Gen. 1:27). No part of a person (mind, emotions, heart or will) is unaffected by the fall. Every person is depraved – totally!

2. Amazing Heights (vv.4-7)

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 - Man is radically dead, and he can only be saved by a radical resurrection!

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- **Key:** No one who is saved will have grounds to boast before God, or will even want to.
- **What is grace?** It is unmerited favor- the love of God going out to the totally undeserving.

3. Amazing Grace and work (vv. 8-10)

- The ultimate workmanship of God is a spiritually dead human being made alive in Christ!
- Our works are a sign (evidence) of his workmanship
- Each of us has an eternally designed job description, and God gives you the task, the ability and the place to serve.

Wrapping it Up

- Salvation is not by works. It can't be earned
- Salvation is only “by grace” – It's a free gift.
- Salvation is “through faith.” Trust Him alone
- There is nothing more wonderful than His workmanship working for Him.

