

Amazing Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10

Main Idea

God helps those who can't help themselves.

Our Plight Apart from Jesus – v 1-3

Dead in sin – unable to help ourselves – v 1

Influenced to sin by:

- The world – v 2
- The devil – v 2
- Our desires – v 3

Everyone who sins is a slave to sin. – John 8:34

Extent of sin: Everyone – v 3; Romans 3:23

Result of sin: death, wrath – v 1,3; Romans 6:23

What God Did for Us in Jesus – v 4-7

- Made believers alive in Christ – v 5
- Seated believers with Jesus – v 6

We are now victorious over the powers which once enslaved us.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

Saved by Grace, for Good Works – v 8-10

God rescued believers:

- By His grace, because of His love – v 4-5, 8
- When we could do nothing for ourselves – v 5
- To forever demonstrate His kindness – v 7
- To do good works as our new way of life – v 10

Application/Discussion

- Non-believer, consider your spiritual condition from God's perspective (v 1-3) and receive His offer of life in Jesus (v 4-10; Romans 6:23).
- Believer, God dealt with the biggest problem you'll ever have before you were even aware of it. How does knowing this change your perspective on other problems?
- God accomplished your entire salvation on His initiative, by His grace and power, because of His love for you. How does meditating on this affect the way you see God and your relationship with Him?
- Pray for opportunities to share with others about the life and hope you have in Jesus.