

Dead people walking - Ephesians 2:1-10

Introduction

One of the most famous verses in the Bible is Ephesians 2:8: “For it is by grace you have been saved through faith”. How might your life be different if God ceased to be gracious to you?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. What are the effects of transgressions and sins? v1-3
2. To what extent did you or do you experience these effects for yourself?
3. According to v 4-7 what motivated God to save us?
4. Glance back to 1:19-20. What parallels do you see with v 4-6?
5. What does Paul mean when he says we have been made alive, raised and seated with Christ?
6. What difference does the reality of this union with Christ make in your everyday life?
7. What do we learn about grace and faith from v8-10?
8. What role, if any, do we play in our salvation?
9. What good works has God prepared for us to do?
10. Is this the same as philanthropy?
11. What hinders us from doing these good works?

Personal reflection:

Focus on God's graciousness to you in the past days, weeks and months. Allow yourself to experience the depth of his goodness, even in difficult circumstances and poor health. Respond to him in prayer and praise.