

Class Notes
Ephesians 2:1-10
9/27/23

The NT uses past, present, and future tenses - The Now and Not Yet:

(Past - justification)

Ephesians 2:5 "...even when we **were** dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved"

(Present - sanctification)

1 Corinthians 1:18 - "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us **who are being saved** it is the power of God."

(Future - glorification)

1 Peter 1:4-5 "and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, **5** who through faith are shielded by God's power until **the coming of the salvation** that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

What is the purpose and plan of God for us, the church? (chapter 1)

V 11 - plan?

V 12 - purpose?

1:4 God loved us and chose us **in** Christ

1:13 And when you believed **in** Christ

2:7 for us who are united **with** Christ Jesus.

2:12 united **with** Christ Jesus.

2:1-3 - Preconversion Spiritual Condition

This condition can be described as:

- Spiritually _____
- Alienated from _____
- Obedience was to _____

Who is the devil according to verse 2?

How is the devil at work in hearts that don't know Christ? (thought?)

Paul says who lived this way?

By our very nature we were subject to God's _____

2: 4-10 - The Grace of God Shown to Believers

2:4 - KEY!

But God being _____ and because _____

2:5-6 -

Even though we being _____

HE then _____

HOW? gave us life through Jesus's resurrection, raised us from the dead along with Christ, and seats us in the heavenly realm with him

2:5 - Only by _____ are we saved again....

2:8 - How did God save us? _____

When did God save us? _____

There are 2 kinds of grace that impact our life with Christ:

*prevenient grace - "power that comes from without" - instant v8

*concomitant grace - "power working in us and with us" - progressive v10

"Grace is God's favorable disposition toward undeserving sinners AND a transforming power of the soul" (Simon Chan, Spiritual Theology 89).

What do we learn about grace and salvation from this passage? (thought?)

2:10 - How would it impact life to believe that you are God's masterpiece?

Reflective Questions | Chapter 2:11-22 | Wednesday OCT 4

*What is the overarching theme or message in this passage of scripture? How does it apply in today's context?

*Who do you see as the linchpin in the passage and what role does he play?

*From Paul's writing, what was Christ's purpose and mission?

*What has this passage spoken to you and how can you apply it?