



We Believe in God's Grace

Ephesians 2:1-9

Grace

- We are saved by God's grace that only comes through Jesus.
- God's mercy is God not giving us what we deserve, i.e. His wrath.
- God's grace is giving us what we do not deserve, i.e. His salvation and His blessings.

Our Condition

- **Prior to our salvation, we were dead but did not know it.**
- **Being dead spiritually, if left unchanged, will render us dead eternally.**
- **We not only sin because it is our nature to sin, we intentionally overstepped the boundaries.**
- **Satan rules this world and has blinded the eyes of those in the world where they cannot see what's happening around them.**

God's Wrath

- The wrath of God is a most fearful thing.
- We cannot fully appreciate the grace and mercy of God without knowing about the wrath of God.
- God's wrath is to be feared!
- Before we were saved, we were dead and did not know it.
- God not only made us alive, but we are a new creation with new thoughts and insights; we have new values.
- We may be in the world, but we are not of the world.

Conclusion

- What we have of God's grace is only the beginning.
- We will need eternity to just begin to praise God for what He's done for us.
- Our salvation is not the result of anything we did.
- We can do nothing to earn God's grace.
- Our salvation and our ability to accept that salvation is all wrapped up in God's grace.
- We do not do good to earn God's grace; we only do good because of His grace.