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South Sub Church

“Our Spiritual Life”

Ephesians-Our Wealth in Christ

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and 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.

Sermon Summary:

Everyone desires to live a life of meaning. And there is no greater way to live with true purpose than through a deep, abiding relationship with Jesus. The Apostle Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reveals the key to experiencing this kind of life. In **Part I** of this series, we’ll explore the spiritual wealth we have as followers of Jesus—including the abundant blessings and divine wisdom available to us. In **Part II**, we’ll deepen our understanding of our spiritual position as believers and the responsibilities that come with it—how we are called to live out our faith in light of what Christ has done.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Name a current movie star or sports figure that comes across arrogant and entitled? What makes him/her appear this way?
2. What’s something you’ve created, built, or worked on that made you feel proud?
3. Describe a time when you got a gift you felt you didn’t deserve.
4. What’s a “before and after” moment in your life that changed how you see the world?

Scripture Study Questions:

1. What does it mean to be “spiritually dead” according to Ephesians 2:1?
2. Why is it important that Paul used the word “dead” instead of weaker descriptions like “not healthy” or “struggling”?

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3. In verse 2, who is "the commander of the powers in the unseen world" and how does Paul say he influences people's lives?
4. In verse 4, what do the words "But God is so rich in mercy" reveal about God's character?
5. How does the term, "spiritually dead" contrast with being "made alive" in verses 4-5?
6. Why is "But God..." in verse 4 such a powerful turning point in this passage? How does this small phrase reveal the heart of the gospel?
7. According to Ephesians 2:4-5, what are the reasons God gives us new life?
8. What does it mean to be "seated with Christ in the heavenly realms" (v.6)?
9. What does verse 7 suggest is the purpose of God's grace toward us?

Application Questions:

1. How does understanding that you were spiritually dead change the way you view God's grace in your life today?
2. Share about a time in your life when you were "following the desires of your sinful nature".
3. How do you struggle with the temptation to "earn" your salvation or take pride in your spiritual performance?
4. How does understanding God's motivation for offering spiritual life affect the way you live?
5. Share about someone in your life who is living out the reality of being God's masterpiece. What does their life teach you about using the gift of salvation well?
6. The sermon said, "God didn't save you to show you off but to send you out." What "good works" has God prepared in your life for you to walk in?