

Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Romans 3:10-15

*There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Their **throats** are open graves; their **tongues** practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their **mouths** are full of cursing and bitterness. Their **feet** are swift to shed blood;*

Ephesians 1:19-21

..and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 2:5-6

..even when we were dead in our trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and [God] raised us up with him and seated us with him [Jesus] in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3 (The Message)

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life.

Luke 15:23-24

"And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found." So the party began.

Kyle Snodgrass - NIV Application Commentary

What if people experienced Christians as those joined to the loving Giver Jesus? What if they saw grace extended from people who had experienced grace? What if they saw evidence of the movement from disobedience to obedience and from death to life? What if they saw a faith worth having? Evangelism should be the natural expression of a life joined to a loving God, the sharing of a faith worth having.