

Ephesians 2 “It’s all Grace”

Proposition: we have received so much and can give so much, purely because of His undeserved kindness towards us!

Vs 1-3 How sin has _____ us

Vs 4-7 God’s work _____

Vs 8-9 God’s work _____

Vs 10 God’s work _____

Vs 11-22 God’s work _____

Firstly there is a _____ death.

Secondly _____ dead.

Finally there is an _____ death.

But God ... broke in. What did he do?

(i) First of all He _____ us

(ii) He _____ us

FOR FURTHER STUDY IN SMALL GROUPS

Mixer: Share with the group what life was like before you were a Christian.

If you have grown up always having faith, that is the best testimony of all, then share how you think that has saved you from bad choices.

1. Do you think that most Kiwis know what sin is?
What experiences/ examples cause you to think that?
Do you think that they even realize their need for a saviour?

2. Modern theologians avoid talking about hell. Many go as far as to say Jesus never taught on hell nor does the Bible. What is your response to such suggestions?
3. To love someone who is nice to us or loves us is so easy. But to love someone who ignores us or causes us pain is something else. How would you explain to pre-Christians the idea that Christ loved us, and died for us, while we were still sinners?
4. What does it mean to be seated with Christ in heavenly places?
5. How would you explain the truth that we have done nothing to earn our salvation; it’s a gift?
6. In our text Paul speaks about the enmity between Jews and non-Jews in ancient times. Are you aware of any historical background to how bad things were?
7. Today, culture is such a huge thing. ie being culturally sensitive is in most business and trust's codes of practice. While we accept that it's hard to identify our own culture and not see things through cultural glasses, considering the ‘new entity’ the body/ church, what place does ethnic identity and cultural identity have in her?
8. Consider vs10. What do you feel you have been uniquely created/ crafted to do?
9. Pray for God’s blessing on Israel and thank Him for His grace to each one of us. Because we have received so freely, may we give out so freely this week.