



Ephesians
*Finding Your Place,
Finding Your Way*

What Do We Mean by 'Grace'?

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Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in 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—³ among 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. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Discussion Questions

Do you find that there are some things you need to be reminded of often?
Why?

Why does Paul take the time to remind the recipients of this letter of how they used to be before they knew Christ?

Paul is writing this letter to be read in churches to people who are Christians.

Why does he write to them about the grace they should already know about?

Do we have a problem with 'grace' sometimes?
Why?

What do we take away from Paul's reminders to us in this passage?