



SO AMAZING

LOVE SO AMAZING → GRACE SO AMAZING
Eph. 2:1-10

Eph. 2:1 And you *hath* **he** quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But **God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace ye are saved;**)

6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come **he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace** in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

A couple of weeks ago, we began looking at our new theme, *Grace So Amazing*, by considering the Book of Ephesians. We began with...

I. THE PAST EXPOSED, 2:1-3

- A. Sinners Were Spiritually Dead, 2:1
- B. Sinners Were Spiritually Deluded, 2:2a
- C. Sinners Were Spiritually Disobedient, 2:2b
- D. Sinners Were Spiritually Defiled, 2:3a
- E. Sinners Were Spiritually Doomed, 2:3b

II. THE PRESENT EXERCISE, 2:4-6

A. God's Love Shown to Us, 2:4-5a

1. Its Richness, 2:4

2. Its Reality, 2:5a

B. God's Love Shared with Us, 2:5b-6

1. It Plucked us from the Tomb, 2:5b-6a

2. It Placed us on the Throne, 2:6b

III. THE PROSPECT EXPECTED, 2:7-10

A. Unstinted Grace, 2:7-9

❖ Last week we saw how salvation is...

1. Eternally Revealed Through Us, 2:7

Our passage encapsulates many major doctrinal truths: holiness, sin, love, mercy, grace, faith, and peace. Look for these topics while we consider this passage on *Grace So Amazing*.

This morning, we continue in chapter two to see how the passage, Eph. 2:8-10, summarizes the first seven verses of *Grace So Amazing*. The doctrine in this passage clarifies the difference between a genuine believer and those teaching the false doctrine of religion, of salvation by works. Many religious people that learned the truth of this passage, turned from spiritual deceit to spiritual discernment.

In the first three verses, we saw the negative aspect of an individual who is spiritually dead. In verses 4-7, we saw the positive aspect of God's love and provisions for a believer through the Lord Jesus Christ. In the beginning of verse 8, we see the first word is "For:"

Original Word: γάρ

Part of Speech: Conjunction

Transliteration: gar

Definition: for, indeed (a conjunction used to express cause, explanation, inference or continuation)

Usage: for. <https://biblehub.com/greek/1063.htm>

This morning, we will observe effect or cause for Eph. 2:1-7.

2. Eternally Revealed To Us, 2:8-9

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace** are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- ❖ The transformation from a spiritually dead sinner into an eternally saved believer is due to the truth in these two verses.

- ❖ To have peace with God and spiritual tranquility of the soul, a person must begin with a proper foundation of faith in what it means to be reconciled with God.
- ❖ God's love attracts the sinners; the sinners are saved by God's grace; faith activates all the wondrous provisions of God's gift.
- ❖ Salvation "by grace" indicates the means of appropriation: unmerited by the sinner who is totally undeserving of God's benevolence of such an amazing, eternal provision.

- ❖ Salvation is “through faith,” the conduit which activates God’s plan.
- ❖ Salvation “that is not of yourselves” is that which glorifies God and has no input from mankind’s efforts to supplant Christ.
- ❖ Salvation is “the gift of God.” *Grace So Amazing* is exemplified by being totally of God – as a wonderful *GIFT*.
- ❖ Being that salvation is “NOT OF WORKS,” annihilates all religious effort by mankind.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

- ❖ If a person can gain eternal life via works, then the natural consequent would be personal boasting.
- ❖ The Bible denigrates such boasting:

1 Cor. 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*:

27 But **God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;**

28 And **base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen**, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 **That no flesh should glory in his presence.**

❖ Salvation, by God's *Grace So Amazing*, according to the Scriptures, is to totally glorify the Lord Jesus Christ!

Summary

- ❖ Remember how this passage encapsulates many major doctrinal teachings which should be learned and known by all believers.

Eph. 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (**by grace ye are saved;**)

- ❖ THE DEMAND OF HOLINESS – a pinnacle for sinners.
- ❖ THE DEPRAVITY OF SIN – a problem for sinners.
- ❖ THE DESIRE OF LOVE – a presentation to sinners.
- ❖ THE DELIGHT OF MERCY – a pardon for sinners.
- ❖ THE DELIVERANCE BY GRACE – a provision for sinners.
- ❖ THE DEVELOPMENT BY FAITH – a production for sinners.
- ❖ THE DESCRIPTION OF PEACE – a pleasure for sinners.

Conclusion

Rom. 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

27 **Where is boasting then?** It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Eph. 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as **the truth is in Jesus:**

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye **put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**