

God's Saving Grace  
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Ephesians 2:1-10

Introduction:

I. **We were deserving of God's j\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-3)**

A. Opposed to God:

1. The w\_\_\_\_\_

2. The d\_\_\_\_\_

3. The f\_\_\_\_\_

II. **But we have been saved by God's g\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 4-10)**

A. Through f\_\_\_\_\_

B. G\_\_\_\_\_ by God; not e\_\_\_\_\_ by us

C. For a p\_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

1. Regarding the devil, what does 1 Peter 5:8-9 teach about him? What can we learn from Jesus' response when he was tempted in the wilderness (See Matt 4:1-11) that will help us with our struggle against the enemy?
2. It is the unrepentant world of sinners "sons of disobedience" upon whom the wrath of God is coming (see Eph 2:2; 5:6; Col 3:6; Rom 1:18). What does 1 Thess 5:9 say about God's wrath as it pertains to Christians?
3. 13<sup>th</sup>-C theologian Thomas Aquinas stated in his *Summa Theologica*: "Nevertheless, let those who think themselves to stand, take heed lest they fall...they ought to fear for *the combat which yet remains with the flesh, with the world, with the devil*, wherein they cannot be victorious, unless they be with God's grace." How does Paul agree (see Eph 6)?
4. Romans 5:1-11 describes in more detail the truth of Eph 2:5 – meditate on these truths. Then search the internet for the contemporary Christian song "How Can It Be" by Lauren Daigle and worship together.
5. How does Hebrews 11:1 define "faith"? Similarly, Martin Luther wrote, "Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it." (*Intro. to Romans*)
6. How do you exercise faith on a daily basis? In what area(s) of your life would you pray for greater evidence of a "bold trust in God's grace"?
7. What is the relationship between "faith" and "works" in Eph 2:8-10?

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