



Grace Given to Us - Devotional for October 4, 2020



Read Ephesians 2:1–10



What? Describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what? What does this passage mean to you in your own life?



Now what? What are you going to do differently because of this passage?

Ephesians 2:1–3 describes the true depth of our depravity in a way that few other passages of Scripture do. The words that are used are powerful words. When we hear phrases like “children of wrath” and “dead in our trespasses and sins,” we should probably listen. And it’s true. Our hearts are wicked and not to be trusted. When left to our own devices, humankind will lead to things like Nazi Germany or communist Russia, or hundreds of years of slavery followed by hundreds of years of racial segregation and oppression. We feel the tug away from the Lord. We all feel drawn to the things that our flesh wants and away from our God. An old hymn says, “Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,” and it’s absolutely true. We desire things that are contrary to our Lord.

“But God.” There is not a more beautiful phrase in all of the Bible than, “but God.” Whenever the Bible says, “but God,” you know it’s just setting the stage for humans being awful. Because we are. But then, it goes on to describe how God has made it right. Even when we’re enemies of God, Jesus died on the cross to take every wandering heart and bring them back to Him. And every single person who puts their faith in Jesus is then given the amazing grace that God offers us. We are saved by grace through faith in what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Study Questions:

1. What phrases were used to describe your life before you knew Jesus?

2. What phrases were used to describe what Jesus did to bring us back to right relationship with him?

Application:

Take some time in prayer, and thank the Lord for the grace that He has offered you, even when you didn't deserve it.