

SERMON NOTES

Date: March 1, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: New Life in Christ

Text: Ephesians 2:1-7

Big Idea: Sin's power is overcome by God's power so that we will praise the riches of his grace.

APPLICATION GUIDE

REVIEW THE SERMON

How does Paul describe the power of sin over us (v. 1-3)?

How is God's power over sin described (v. 4-6)?

What is the purpose of God's display of power over sin (v. 7)?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Biblical theologians often use the words total depravity to describe fallen human nature and sin's power over us. How should this affect the way you think about yourself in relation to God?

Paul says that all mankind is born under the power of sin (v. 3). How does this fact help us relate to one another regardless of the specific circumstances and struggles we may face individually?

What hope does God's power over sin provide as you continue to live in a sinful and fallen world?

How do you experience the pull of sin from the world, the devil, and the passions of the flesh?

How can what God has done for you in Christ influence the way you respond to the pull of sin in these areas? Be specific.

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Small words offer great hope. Reflect on the words "were," "once," "and" "but" in this passage. Thank God specifically for the ways he has changed you. If you still feel like you are under the power of sin, run to Jesus in repentance and faith (cf. Psalm 51).