

A Life of Faith- Every Day  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Grace

**Question:** What can bring something dead back to life?

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked...”

Ephesians 2:1

**Main Point:** God freely gives \_\_\_\_\_ to us through Jesus Christ, because He loves us.

**Setting the context:**

- Paul compares and contrasts death and life to describe our spiritual reality.
- Trespasses- false steps, involving either the crossing of a known boundary or a deviation from the right path.
- Sins- a missing of the mark, falling short of the standard.
- This section describing salvation and grace naturally fits into the opening section of praise and worship. In fact, some feel 2:4-10 is an old hymn the church sang.

**Point One:** We were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and without hope before we came to saving faith.

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”  
Romans 3:23

What does Paul mean when he says we were dead?

1. We were powerless to move or become alive.
2. We were dead, enslaved and condemned.
3. Walking in sin means enslavement to sin and going where the master of sin tells us to go.

“Paul is not giving us a portrait of some particularly decadent tribe or degraded segment of society, or even of the extremely corrupt paganism of his own day. No, this is the biblical diagnosis of fallen man in fallen society everywhere.”

-John Stott

**Point Two:** God showers grace on us out of love to deliver us from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What are the results of grace?

1. It makes us alive (v. 5)
2. It saves us (v. 5, 8)
3. It shows us the wonderful work of God (v. 7)
4. It is God’s free gift to us (v. 8)
5. It lets us walk in works we were created for (v. 10)

We do nothing to gain salvation, but God graciously does all the work for us!

**Wrap Up:**

The only hope for dead people is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By grace we receive it, by grace we live it, and by grace we extend it to others.

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
Next week: Ephesians 2:11-22 Peace in Christ