

God's Power in Us Ephesians 2:1-10

I. Depth of our Depravity – 2:1-3

1. Dead in our trespasses and sins – 1
God created man in His image (intellect, emotions and will)
God gave man a spirit because God is Spirit (Jn.4:24)
Fellowship must be in our spirit, which died with Adam's sin
When the spirit died man had no means to know God or His truth – 1 Cor. 2:14
2. Depravity of our lifestyle – 2
You once walked in your trespasses and sins
You followed the course of this world
You followed the prince of the power of the air
Followed the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
That is Satan and his demonic spirits
3. Depravity of our self-centeredness - 3
We all once lived in the passions of our flesh
Carrying out the desires of the body and the mind
We were all by nature children of wrath
(God's judgment)
We were all like the rest of mankind

II. Greatness of God's Deliverance – 2:4-7

1. But God, - 4 (God intervened)
"Being rich in mercy" & because of His great love
Motivated by His very nature & His love for us
Even when we were in the depth of our depravity and dead spiritually having no desire or ability to respond
2. Made us alive together with Christ – 5
He gave new life to our dead spirit, regeneration
Consider words of Jesus to Nicodemus – Jn. 3:3-10
Note God's promise to Israel in Ezekiel 36:24-27
God promised a New Covenant – Jer. 31:31-33
God's word makes a distinction between soul & spirit – Heb. 4:12
He provided salvation for us in Christ as a gift – "by grace"
3. He raised us up with Christ – 6
God sees us in Christ & seated in heaven with Him
Our position is secure in Christ & His redemptive work
4. He has a glorious eternity for us with Him – 7
"So that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace toward us in Christ Jesus"

III. The Glory of God's Grace - 8-10

1. Work of salvation is all of grace – 8
God offers deliverance as a gift
It is ours when we believe what Christ has done for us
It is all to the glory of God for His gift
2. There is no reason for us to boast – 9
It is a gift, not a reward for good works
3. We are His workmanship – 10
We are the evidence of His grace & His power
To His glory He has fulfilled His creative purpose in us
He has brought into being a people who fulfill His purpose