

**“RESURRECTING GRACE”**  
**The Extraordinary Gift of Grace #3**  
**Ephesians 2:1-7**  
**December 20, 2020**

**Resurrecting Grace:**

1. **What We Were** – *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... Ephesians 2:1*
  
2. **What We Did** – *...<sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Ephesians 2:2-3a*
  
3. **What We Deserve** – *Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. Ephesians 2:3b*
  
4. **What God Did and Does for Us** – *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7*

*“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy.” Romans 9:15*

**THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL**  
**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Week**  
**Discussion Questions from the Sermon**

1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-7 slowly. What does this passage say about us (humanity)? What does this passage teach about what God has done for us through Christ?
3. In the sermon we talked about “Total Depravity.” What did this phrase mean to you prior to the sermon? In light of the sermon, what does this phrase mean?
4. Read John 11:38-44. What do you learn about grace, the sovereignty of God, and divine election (per the sermon)?
5. Recount your own story in light of Ephesians 2:1-7. Where do you see the consistencies with your own pilgrimage to faith?
6. How would you describe the difference between being a “spiritual zombie” and coming alive spiritually? What is your own story?
7. With whom will you share the story of Jesus this week?

**Weekly Bible Memory Verse:** *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.* Ephesians 2:4-5

**Bible Readings:** Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week’s sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Ephesians 2:8-22

Tuesday – John 15:1-17

Wednesday – Luke 1:26-38

Thursday – Luke 1:39-56

Friday – Luke 2:1-21

Saturday – Romans 9:6-21

Sunday – Romans 8:1-17