

Ephesians 2:1-13

But God...

Points to Consider

1. We were dead
2. God made us alive
3. So we should do good works

Eph 2:1- Paul knew it was important to remind the Ephesians that they _____:

- _____ in their trespasses and sin.
- walked according to the course of this _____.
- walked according to the prince of the power of the air.
- walked according to the spirit who now works in the sons of _____.
- conducted themselves in the _____ of their flesh.
- fulfilled the _____ of the flesh and of the mind.
- were once children of _____.

John 8:42-47

Jesus told the Pharisees, the religious leaders of His day, that their father was the _____ and they were fulfilling his desires.

The benefit of remembering our former life.

Ex 13:3-10

It was only by remembering that they were slaves in Egypt that God could receive _____ by delivering them.

Eph 2:11 *Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh — who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — 12 that at that time **you were without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But **now in Christ Jesus** you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.* NKJV

It is the blood of Christ that brings us _____ to God and gives us hope.

Notice again that these blessings are in Christ Jesus.

We were once without Christ; now we are _____ Christ.

Practical Application – Take time this week to consider what your life was like, or how your life would be now, if not for God's salvation.

But God Made Us Alive

Eph 2:4 - God isn't just merciful, He is _____ in mercy.

Rom 10:9-13 *...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all **is rich to all who call upon Him.**

13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

NKJV

God doesn't just love us, He loves us with _____ love.

In the ages to come God will show the _____ riches of His grace by directing His kindness to those in Christ Jesus.

We are saved by grace and through _____.

Our salvation is not based on our works. If so, we could _____ of our own salvation.

(Illustration of my first BB gun, hunting incident)

Rom 5:6-11 - But God demonstrated His love toward us, while we were still sinners, by having _____ die for us.

Titus 3:1-8 - All of us were once foolish, disobedient, deceived... _____ God showed kindness to us and justified us by His grace.

1 Cor 6:9-11 - The Corinthians were sinners until God washed them, _____ them, and justified them.

Practical Application: Keep these four words in the forefront of you mind this week: love, mercy, grace, and kindness. Meditate on how God has shown you love, mercy, grace, and kindness. Also, make sure you thank God that His love, mercy, grace, and kindness has been directed at you.

So, we should do good works

Eph 2:10 - We have been created in Christ Jesus _____ good works.

Titus 3:8 *This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.* NKJV

Paul wanted Titus to affirm _____, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.

Matt 5:14-16 *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.* NKJV

We do good works, so that _____ is glorified.

1 Tim 6:17-19 - Those who are rich in this present age should be rich in good works because it is _____ who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

God's richness towards us _____ us to give of our riches to others.

Titus 2:11-14 - God's redeemed people should be _____ for good works.

Practical Application: Extend kindness to someone this week and give the glory to God.