September 8, 2024

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

2 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.

3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

7 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.

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We've gathered today to worship the Almighty God and to thank Him for His gifts to us. Above all, we thank him for the gift of eternal life given to us because of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of His sinless Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Following the conclusion of the service today, we plan to go to the swinging bridge to witness the baptism of Rylee Clark, Vicki Sorrels, and John, Ann, and Isabella Woods.

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This Week:

• Saturday: Kairos Training, 8:30-3:00, Life House. The lunch meal will be chili & potato bar. If you can help, please let Cori Layman know – 540-960-0799. Also, information for making cookies for the prison ministry is on the back table.

Upcoming Events:

• Next Sunday we plan to share together in the Lord's supper. Our Communion offering will go towards helping to finish the construction of the Community Center for Hilltop Ministries in Nicaragua. Even though Kerri Vaughn is back in the states at this time, she spent 14 years in Nicaragua overseeing the ministry. It will continue on in her absence.

Today's Prayer Focus is for the "Meetings in Selma." George is preaching Thursday evening.

Family to pray for today: Chad, Marglen, Canaan & Rylee Clark

If you are a guest with us today, we're grateful you chose to worship with us. We hope it is a time that you experience the Spirit of the Living God. Please put your contact information on a blue card and drop it in the offering bag at the close of the service. This card can be used to share anything you like with us. If you want it to be seen only by the Pastor, fold the card in half and write Pastor on it. Thank you.

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