MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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MONDAY, MAY 9

***Read Ephesians 1*—Thanksgiving**

1. Although the New Testament does not use the word trinity anywhere, where can you find the trinity of God written in this chapter? The trinity abounds in Ephesians.
2. Briefly re-read Galatians 1:6-9. Compare the tone, urgency, and purpose of the letter Paul wrote to the Galatians and Ephesians.
3. The pagans in Ephesus followed many superstitions and worshiped gods they feared. How might the power and height of God Paul describes be comforting to them?

- **Prayer:** ***Praise God, and trust Him for He put a plan in place since the beginning of time to redeem you.***

TUESDAY, MAY 10

***Read Ephesians 2*—Grace**

1. What was your confirmation memory verse? Has it had meaning in your life? Why are v8-10 such a popular confirmation memory verse?
2. We are baptized, so we follow with Jesus wherever He goes. Where has Jesus gone and where does He reign now? Where do we sit with Him spiritually, even now?
3. The early Christian Jews put up many ordinances and ceremonial laws as barriers to Gentiles from joining the church. Do we put up barriers to people joining our church or to prevent us from being united as one in Christ?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, thank You for preparing and placing me into the good things I do for others. All thanks and praise to You.***

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

***Read Ephesians 3*— Mystery**

1. What mystery has Paul revealed? Who gave him knowledge of this mystery (se also 1:9 and 6:19)?
2. Where is Paul when he is writing to the Ephesians (3:1)? Why does Paul ask them not to lose heart over his suffering?
3. Paul bows his knees before the Father and prays for the families in Ephesus. What kinds of strength for the believers is he praying for?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, let me grow in my understandings of Your mysteries, especially Your Son, Jesus.***

THURSDAY, MAY 12

***Read Ephesians 4*—Unity**

1. In 2:10, 4:1, 4:17, 5:2, 5:8, 5:15 (ESV) Paul talks about walking and doing the ordered, right and good things God has prepared for us. As we go and serve the Lord, who walks with us in this journey?
2. How are truth, love for one another and the unity in Christ interconnected? Can this message be a basis for personal and church growth?
3. Paul exhorts us to live good and pure lives. How can we meet these high standards (see 4:32 to 5:2)? Is Paul asking us to live in love and unity by a book of morals or by the Gospel?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, purify and open our hearts and teach us to love one another as You have loved us.***

FRIDAY, MAY 13

***Read Ephesians 5*— Love**

1. How does filling our minds and hearts with the word of God (v18-21) lead us to live good and moral lives?
2. Some teachers think v14 is a baptismal song. How does this verse describe baptism? How does our baptism help us lead sexually pure lives?
3. How can husbands nourish and cherish their wives and sacrifice themselves for her? How can wives allow their husbands to be Christ like?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, teach husbands and wives to love, honor and respect each other and turn from selfish ways.***

SATURDAY, MAY 14

***Read Ephesians 6*—Armor**

1. Why is the fifth commandment described as the first commandment with a promise? What is the promise for honoring parents?
2. We are to put on the armor of God so that we can stand and fight against the schemes of the devil. What piece of armor do you use most often in your life?
3. What can we learn about sharing our faith from v19 and v20?

- **Prayer:** ***Lord, teach us to pray without giving up*.**