

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 2:1-10 - "From Death to Life by Grace Alone" - 01.28.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Can you think of a time when you took credit for what somebody else had done (or somebody took credit for what you'd done)?
How did things ultimately play out in that situation, and was the "wrongful" credit ever made right?
How might we be prone to wrongfully take credit for our salvation and how do Ephesians 2:1-10 help us avoid this?
Based on these verses (and all that preceded this in Ephesians 1) who is the One who gets all the credit for our salvation?
3. Consider verses 1-3 - what stands out to you about the description here?
Why is it so important to understand that this description applies to all of humanity throughout history except for Jesus?
How does this understanding simultaneously lead us to humility and compassion for those who remain dead in their sins?
Why is it so important to know that this is who we WERE (past tense), as opposed to who we ARE (present tense)?
4. Read verses 4-10 - how is this contrasted with what is written in verses 1-3?
How do the first two words of verse 4 help to lay the foundation upon which all of our hope rests?
In light of these verses, WHY did God provide salvation to us and out of his riches in WHAT?
What is the means of our salvation? (see verses 6 & 8) and why do we NEED to know this?
5. According to verses 9-10, what role do our works play in our salvation?
What is the distinction between the works mentioned in verse 9 & those referenced in verse 10.
According to verse 10 - who are we, and how does this reality of our identity and purpose impact how we live our lives?
***Take time prayerfully reflecting upon verse 10 - confess where the Holy Spirit convicts you of any ways you're not living this out.*
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
WHO WE WERE:
*Dead in our sins &, by nature, objects of wrath!
Hopeless & hell-bound in our disobedient ways!*
WHO WE ARE:
*Alive in Christ by God's grace through faith!
God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus!*
WHAT WE DO:
*Live our lives in light of who we are in Christ!
Walk in the good works God created us to do!*