

The Resurrection Life

Ephesians 2:1-10

From Darkness to Light



Main Ideas

You will never understand Easter until you understand the darkness of sin.

1. Sin is what separates us from God. It is spiritual death. All of humanity is under this curse and because of it we are by nature objects of wrath, Ephesians 2:3.
2. The desperate condition of the human race is rescued by two words—"but God". It is His initiative of grace that rescues us from being under wrath and makes us alive with Christ, Ephesians 2:4-9.
3. The apostle wants to drive home the fact that it is God, not us, that is responsible for our salvation. Any idea that we earned salvation is put to rest, Ephesians 2:8-9.
4. This was done in accordance with God's plan. He has a definite goal for every believer's life, Ephesians 2:10.
5. This is why there was an Easter—God's grace to sinners made all this possible!

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. So often the phrase is uttered, “Well, I’m not perfect”. Do you think most of us really understand the depth of our depravity? How could we grow in this area? Why is Ephesians 2:1-3 hard for many of us to believe?
2. How do you feel for a God who rescued us out of the pit of despair? Tell him how much you are grateful for such graciousness.
3. Do you have a pretty good grasp on what God has planned for your life here on earth?

GROUP RESPONSE

1. Does your small group have a common sense of ministry? Does it grow out of a deep sense of thanks for His amazing grace? Where does it fit in the overarching ministry of DEC?
2. Is there something God has laid on your heart that would be good for the whole group? Share it with the group.
3. How does understanding the depth of our sin help a ministry-centered group grow?

REPRODUCE

Begin today asking God to give you opportunities to share the Gospel during the Easter season.

Ask a friend or co-worker to church this Easter.

KEY VERSES

- Ephesians 2:1-10