**Session 3: Days 1-2 (Ephesians 2:1-10)**

Ephesians 2:1-10 From Death to Life

* Verses 2:1-3
  + Review of our pre-Christian past
  + Who is he speaking to here?
  + 3 Descriptions of who we were Before Christ
    - We were dead
      * In our trespasses and sins
    - We were disobedient
      * We followed the world
      * We followed Satan
      * We followed our own selfish desires
    - We were doomed
      * “Were by nature children of wrath, as the others were also”.
  + Why did Paul draw attention to the depth of our depravity before we chose to follow Jesus?
    - Two simple words…
    - BUT GOD
      * Usually when these two words are mentioned in the Bible it depicts a moment God intervenes.
    - We were dead in our trespasses BUT GOD did what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      * We were lifeless, hopeless, and under condemnation. “But God” came to our rescue.
* Verses 2:4-7
  + Paul is very specific in his descriptions of God’s character and actions in these three short verses.
  + What prompts His salvation on us?
  + God’s character
    - Mercy, love, grace, kindness
  + What did God do in his mercy, grace, love, and kindness?
  + God’s actions/works
    - He made us alive in Christ
    - He raised us up with Christ
    - He seated us with Christ
  + What is the main theme to these actions of God?
    - Unity with Christ
* Verses 2:8-10
  + Paul elaborates on God’s gracious gift of salvation.
    - Salvation is a gift, but true salvation will result in good works.
  + Salvation is a gift
  + No one can boast
  + Salvation results in good works

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| **Old Life** | **New Life** |
| EX: Dead in trespasses | EX: Alive with Christ |
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What are the words, “But God”, so sweet?

What is your “but God” statement pre-Christian?

What is your “But God” statement as a believer?

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