**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?

