

A close-up photograph of a person's hands writing on a scroll with a quill pen. The scene is dimly lit, with a single candle in a wooden holder providing the primary light source. The scroll is unrolled, showing several lines of handwritten text. The person's hands are weathered and focused on the task. The background is dark and out of focus.

**FIVE REMINDERS FROM THE  
APOSTLE PAUL**

**EPHESIANS 2:1-10**



## PREVIOUS SERMON POINTS

In my first message from titled, “Chosen, redeemed and sealed” from Ephesians 1:3-14 we saw four things...

1. God chose us and adopted us
2. We are redeemed by God
3. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit
4. Our salvation is all about God



## PREVIOUS SERMON POINTS

In my next message we looked at “Paul’s heartfelt prayer for the Ephesians” that looked at Ephesians 1:15-23. We saw six things Paul prayer for...

1. Spiritual Insight and Wisdom
2. They would understand the confident hope
3. They would understand the greatness of God's power
4. They would understand that Christ is above all things
5. They would understand that Christ is the head of the church
6. They would understand that we are Christ's body



## **BIBLE READING**

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil--the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)



## **BIBLE READING**

6 For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

8 God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.



## **1. Paul reminds us of our old way of life**

Verses 1-2 says - Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil--the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

These two verses tell us of our condition without Christ. We were dead because of our sin and we followed the ways of the devil.



## 2. Paul reminds us of God's intervention

Verses 4-5 - But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

We were sinners, but God intervened because of His mercy and His love.

Two of the greatest words in the Bible are “but God”. I did a search on my Bible software for the phrase ‘but God’. It appeared 64 times.





### **3. Paul reminds us of our new seating in Christ**

Verse 6 - For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus returned to heaven He was seated at the right hand of the Father. That is the highest place of honour in the whole universe. There is no greater place than being seated next to the Father.





## 4. Paul reminds us of God's grace

Verses 8-9 - God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Old Testament word describing God's grace is *chesed*. This word speaks of deliverance from enemies, affliction, or adversity. It also denotes enablement, daily guidance, forgiveness, and preservation.

The New Testament word is *Charis*. It focuses on the provision of salvation.



## 5. Paul reminds us of our new purpose

Verse 10 - For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

In Ephesians 2:10 it tells us two great truths.

- You are God's masterpiece.
- God made you with a purpose.



## Closing summary

Today we looked at Ephesians 2:1-10. We looked at five things the Apostle Paul wanted them and us to remember. They were...

1. Paul reminds us of our old way of life
2. Paul reminds us of God's intervention
3. Paul reminds us of our new seating in Christ
4. Paul reminds us of God's grace
5. Paul reminds us of our new purpose

Amen