

## MADE ALIVE BY GRACE

Ephesians 2:1–10

Key Verses: 2:4–5

1. What characterized our old lives (1–3)? What does it mean to be “dead” (1b)? What and who were we “following,” and what does this mean (2)? What does it mean to be living “in the passions of our flesh” (3a)? To be “by nature children of wrath” (3b)? Why do we all need reminding of this? (see also 4:22–24)
2. Who changed our hopeless situation, and how did this happen (4–6; cf. 1:19–20)? What does it mean to be “made alive”? What is it about God’s grace that makes this happen? How does Paul describe God’s motives in showing us grace (4,7)? What does verse 7 mean?
3. In our new lives, why does Paul emphasize that we are “saved by grace” (5b,8a)? What is the role of faith in this (8b–9)?
4. What practical change does God’s grace produce in our lives (10; compare with 1–2a)? What does it mean that “God prepared in advance” the “good works” we do?