

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV)

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB)

⁸ For BY grace you have been saved THROUGH faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus FOR good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

John 10:27-30 (NIV)

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.

1 John 4:13 (NIV)

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

Romans 8:16 (NIV)

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Journey Group Discussion

Have you ever struggled with security or assurance of salvation?

Why do you think sin is such an unpopular topic?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- How do the Seriousness of Sin and the Greatness of Grace relate?
- Discuss salvation BY grace, THROUGH faith, FOR good works.
- Talk about the difference between believing IN and believing ON Jesus.

Read John 14:6, Matthew 7:13-14, and Matthew 7:21.

- Why do you think it bothers or angers people when they read that Jesus said He was the only way?

Read John 10:27-30, 1 John 4:13, Romans 8:16, and 1 Jn 3:19-24.

- Describe a time you struggled with your salvation. Why do you think you were struggling?
- How might God's Spirit in you (if you're a believer) assure you of salvation?