



Message Title: **Why Grace is Needed**

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And you were dead in your transgressions and sins,² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,³ among whom we all also formerly conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;⁹ not 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.

Application Questions

- 1. Why is it important to affirm that unbelievers are totally unable to believe in Christ unless God imparts new life to them?*
- 2. What is the essence of “worldliness”? How do these three enemies, the world, the devil, and the flesh, assert themselves in the lives of believers?*
- 3. Some argue that believers no longer possess “an old nature,” and thus should not view themselves as sinners. Do you agree?*
- 4. Why must we hold firmly to the concept of God’s wrath? What do we lose if we minimize or deny it?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?