

## **Beginning at GROUND ZERO - "From Death to Life"**

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Theme:** Human depravity is never a match for Divine generosity. For by grace you have been saved.

#### **Outline:**

- I. Human Depravity - The Believer's Past Sin (2:1-3).
  - A. We Were Dead in Trespasses and Sins (v. 1)
    1. Why are we dead (v. 1)?
    2. What does this look like (vv. 2, 3)?
- II. Divine Generosity - The Believer's Present Standing (2:4-10)

Listen to the generous language of God [2:4 **plousios** {rich}]

Because God is generous, three things happened.

1. He made us alive (v. 5)
2. He saved us by grace (vv. 5a, 8)
3. He placed us in Christ (v. 6)

The reason for this lavish display is so that in the coming ages He might show . . . (v. 7).

Verses 8 through 10 answer the why we are this glorious cosmic display.

- God will be glorified BECAUSE | For it is by grace (vv. 8, 9)
- God will be glorified BECAUSE | For we are his workmanship (v. 10)

#### **Shepherding the Sheep: (What's the NEXT STEP?)**

1. As with any passage of Scripture, we need to ask ourselves why Paul wrote this paragraph. What is his intended meaning?
2. If you are unsaved, you are still the object of God's wrath (vv. 1-3).
3. If you are saved, you are now a trophy of His grace (vv. 4-7).
4. Do you understand how God's abundant provision meets the deepest need within the human condition?