

Application: We are the medium through which God displays His glory. His work through us should bring Him praise, glory and honor.

...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 2:7

“A Glorious Day for the Walking Dead”

“Ephesians”—Part 4

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. There really are zombies.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 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. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Ephesians 2:1-3

Three characteristics of zombies:

- They are living but dead.
- They are enslaved.
- They are focused on gratifying their cravings.
- They are condemned.

2. Fortunately for us, God loves zombies.

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 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 2:4-7

What did God do and how did He do it?

- God demonstrated His love to us in mercy.
- When we were dead in our sins—ignorant, unwilling, and unable to change our condition—God made us alive with Christ.
- God demonstrated His love to us in grace.
- No longer are we dead and condemned! Now we are alive and blessed!

By grace!

- We deserved wrath. ***By grace***, God gave us forgiveness.
- We deserved the consequences of sin. ***By grace***, He took the consequences upon Himself.
- We deserved hell. ***By grace***, God ushered us into heaven.
- We deserved misery. ***By grace***, God gave us hope and a future.
- We deserved guilt and shame. ***By grace***, God gave us glory and honor.
- We deserved damnation. ***By grace***, God gave us deliverance.

3. How can a zombie be saved?

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9

- Grace motivated the Father to choose us in Christ before the foundations of the world.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world...
Ephesians 1:4

- Grace provided the one-time payment for eternal redemption.

In him we have redemption through his blood...
Ephesians 1:7

- By grace alone we receive forgiveness and salvation apart from our own works. You can't earn it!

The gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 6:23

4. What difference does salvation make in my life?

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

- We are God's masterpiece designed for action.
- God has a plan for our lives.
- God has good works for us to do.
- These good works have nothing to do with earning salvation.
- These good works have nothing to do with keeping salvation.
- We are empowered by the Spirit to do things that please God.

...it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Philippians 2:13

- We are not saved by faith plus good works, but by a faith that works.
- Saving faith always results in a changed life.

***"It is faith alone that justifies,
but faith that justifies can never be alone."***
John Calvin