

Ephesians Class Notes for 02/05/2012

Ephesians Chapter 2:1-10

Vs. 1:3

All of us before we repented, before we obeyed the will of our Savior, before we were buried with Him in baptism and raised to a new life, all of us were dead in our transgressions and sins. All of us use to live in sin because we followed the desires of our sinful nature. We were by nature objects of wrath.

Romans 8:7-9 and Romans 8:12-14

Vs. 4-7

Because of God's undying love, His grace and mercy toward us, he has made us alive with Christ even while we were dead in our transgressions. He has seated us in heaven in Christ Jesus with Himself. He did this in order to show the riches of His grace, express to us in Christ Jesus and His kindness to us. Vs. 5 tells us that God did all of this for us even though we did not deserve and have not merited salvation. It was God's providential will that Jesus would come to earth in human form and be a sacrifice for all of our sins. God willed this before Adam was created because He knew all of us would need a Savior. That is why Vs. 5 says it is by grace you have been saved.

Vs. 8-10

The Hebrew writer tells us in Ch. 9:18-22, that the first covenant was put in to effect by Moses with the blood of animals. The first covenant required that nearly everything be cleansed with blood. God's law from the beginning has required the shedding of blood for the forgiveness of sin. The blood of Jesus is the only thing that can wash away our sins.

Let's take a closer look at Vs. 8-10. Grace—Titus2:11-15—Romans 6:1-2 says shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase God forbid! How can we live in sin any long—Faith—Hebrews 11:1-3 and Hebrews 11:6—Faith and Deeds—James 2:14-19 and 2:26 , and II Timothy 3: 16-17.