

### Theology | Christ in Salvation: The Risen Savior | Ephesians 2:1-10

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#### Live as ONE

What have you found your affections drawn to during this COVID season? What do you find yourself thinking about or wanting most? Are those things leading you into deeper intimacy with Jesus? How are those things affecting your apprenticeship to Jesus? How has your group encouraged you in your apprenticeship to Jesus during this time?

# Live by the WORD

## Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

Many of us may be very familiar with this passage. In verses 5 and 8, the Greek word for "saved" is  $s\bar{o}z\bar{o}$ . Did you know that this word means "healed" or "made whole"?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10 again substituting one of those words/phrases for verses 5 and 8. Does this give you a different sense or feel for this passage as a whole?

In verses 1 and 2 we see that apart from God's generous grace, we are dead because of sin. We don't experience life that is truly LIFE because we are living out of sync with God's design for our flourishing. And even worse than that, we are complicit in the enemy's attack on God's good creation.

The beginning of verse 4 ("But God...") is a beautiful reminder to us that God refuses to abandon us to our own self-destruction. What do you observe in verses 4-7 about how God makes us alive again?

What is the purpose for which God has healed us and made us alive through Jesus (verse 10)? What do you suppose that it means that we are "created for good works"? How is this similar or different from Paul's reminder in the previous verse that we are not saved (healed/made whole) "by works"? (HINT: in both verses, "works" is the same Greek word *ĕrgŏn* which literally means toil or labor).

### Live as SENT

There are so many people around you right now that are hurting and broken at a very deep level. Maybe it is caused by racial prejudice and injustice. Maybe it is from the fallout of COVID. There's a good chance that you too are a person that is experiencing deep pain and hurt.

This passage in Ephesians reminds us that our ultimate healing is only by God's grace as we trust Him in faith. We can invite our neighbors into healing and wholeness by being a mirror of God's grace. Who do you know that is hurting? How will you be a mirror of God's grace to them?

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