

Leveling Grace
The Result of the Easter Event--“LEVEL GROUND”
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Eph. 2:1-13

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in 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. ³All 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. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. ¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (that done in the body by the hands of men)—¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

The Ground around the Cross is level

I. WHEN WE KNEEL TO RECEIVE _____ . V1-3

1)Our Position was _____ v1 *¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins*

2)Our Performance was _____ v.2,3 *²in 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. ³All 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.*

3) Our Prospects where _____ v.12 *¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.*

v 4. *⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

II. WHEN WE STAND UP TO _____ . V. 11

1 Cor. 10:12---"let him that thinketh he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly...

III. WHEN WE ARE _____ WITH CHRIST JESUS. v.6

"...and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus"

But how do you establish that spiritual base for your life on this Level Ground? ---- The “BASE” acrostic:

B – Believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you and showed He was God by coming back to life.

A – Accept God’s free forgiveness for your sin.

S – Switch to God’s plan for your life.

E – Express a desire for Christ to be the director of your life.

An Easter Prayer

“Dear God, I believe Jesus was who He claimed to be – Your Son, and that He proved it by rising from death.

Jesus, thank you for dying for me on the Cross. I realize that only Your love could save me and I accept Your free gift of salvation.

I want to get to know You and follow Your plan for my life. As much as I know how, I ask You to come into my life. Amen.”

Sunday, May the 4th at 11:00 am---we will start a new series entitled “**Strong Family Values**” (a look at the 10 commandments, how they develop Strong Family Values in our lives.)

**** HE HAS RISEN ****