

Welcome to Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10

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Why we call our church Grace Church.

1. Because when God found us we were **dead** because of our sins (verses 1-3)
 - a. Our sin left us **spiritually** dead (verse 1) "In our trespasses and sins"
 - b. Our sin left us **completely** deceived (verse 2) "according to the course of this world"
 - c. Our sin left us **totally** depraved (verse 3) "we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind"
 - d. Our sin left us **hopelessly** doomed (verse 3) "and were by nature children of wrath"
 - There are no throw away people with God.
2. Because when our God found us He **delivered** us through his Son (verses 4-7) "But God" God gets personally involved.
 - a. God reached down to us in mercy (verse 4) no **judgment**
 - b.** God revived us by his love (verse 5) no **performance**
 - c. God received us through his grace (verse 6) no **entitlement**
 - d.** God rewards us without personal merit (verse 7) **no limits**
 - Forgiveness can only be granted by the **offended party** – God.
3. Because when our God saved us He did it without our help. (Verse 8-10)
 - a. God by His grace **provides** the faith to believe
 - b. God by His grace paid the **price** for this gift
 - c. God by His grace **prepared** for our life's work to matter.
 - It is all by God's Grace: no additions, no subtractions and no **boasting**.

This is why we call it Grace Church.

Because God loved us and has given us this indescribable gift of grace leading to salvation we want to share it with all of our friends. That is why you are here. God is offering his grace to you too.