

SIT AS EXAMPLES OF GRACE

Ephesians 2:1-10 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² 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. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ 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. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. NIV

We were dead.

In what sense? In two senses

- How you were: Your actions
- Who you were: Your sinful nature

Ephesians 2:3b Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. NIV

Romans 5:12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. NLT

God loved us.

God made us alive.

God seated us.

God made us examples.

Ephesians 3:10 ...the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. NIV

Revelation 7:10-12 ...¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God... NIV

