

If we have been made alive, what does this mean practically for us?

How can you tell if you have been made alive together with Christ?

Verse 5c

What must we never forget?

Ephesians 2:5c

How is God's grace different to God's mercy?

What would it mean for us if God only showed mercy and not grace?

How will remembering that we have been saved by grace affect the way you live each day?

EPHESIANS LINE BY LINE

The story so far...

Paul begins the second chapter of Ephesians by reminding the Christians in Ephesus of the dreadful condition they were in, and all, who are apart from Christ, are in.

Dead – cut off from the life of God.

Disobedient – following the ways of the world, the influence of Satan, and the wickedness of our nature.

Damned – deserving of everlasting wrath.

Ephesians 2:4-5

*“But God,
being rich in mercy,*

*because of
the great love
with which he loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses,*

*made us alive
together with Christ*

*– by grace
you have been saved.*

Verses 4-5a

Why is the first word of verse 4 a word full of hope?

Where is this hope found?

Ephesians 2:4a

Why does hope need to come from outside of us?

Ephesians 2:1

Ephesians 2:2-3

What happens elsewhere when God enters into hopeless situations?

Genesis 8:1

Genesis 50:20

Nehemiah 9:17

Romans 5:8

Acts 13:30

What aspect of God's character does Paul draw our attention to?

Ephesians 2:4b

What is mercy?

Why do we need God to be rich in mercy? What would happen if He was not?

Why is God merciful towards us?

Ephesians 2:4c

What is shocking about God's love?

Ephesians 2:5a

As those who have experienced a 'But God' moment and are recipients of God's mercy and love, what are some of the ways we should respond?

Verse 5b

How does God out of love for us, show His mercy?

Ephesians 2:5b

In the light of what Paul writes in Ephesians 2:1-3, what does it mean to be 'made alive'?

Who does this happen with?

Ephesians 2:5b

How then, is someone made alive together with Christ?

Romans 6:3-4