

Ephesians 2:1–7 | Dead then alive

Study Questions* from 23.03.2025 sermon

Discuss

- i. Look at verse 1 - What does Paul mean by the word 'dead'? How can people be 'dead' if they are also walking around, talking, alive and well?
- ii. Look at verse 2 - Many people want to drop out of society and escape the 'rat race'. Some even manage to live on a farm and provide for themselves. If we do this can we avoid the 'ways of this world' that Paul describes in verse 2?
- iii. Look at verse 3 - Sometimes the cravings of our sinful nature are very obvious: gluttony; lust; greed. How else do these cravings appear, in more subtle ways? What are the 'thoughts' of the sinful nature? What kind of thinking comes naturally to the sinful nature?
- iv. Look at verse 4 - If God is angry with us (verse 3b), then how can He also have 'great love' for us? What does this tell us about the Living God? Have we ever had an experience where love and anger for somebody all came together at once?
- v. Look at verse 5 - How does the second part of verse 5 connect to the first part? Why does Paul conclude the verse with "it is by grace you have been saved"? How does the first part of the verse lead to that conclusion?
- vi. Look at verse 6 - Why was it so important for the Ephesians to know that they had been raised up to the highest heaven with Jesus? How does this verse have the same impact for us today? What are the claims and assumptions, the philosophies and myths that would threaten us in the world of today?
- vii. Look at verse 7 - How have the great riches of God's grace been shown through the Ephesian Church down through the ages? How can the life of our own local churches display these riches? Where is the kindness of God in Christ Jesus most clearly displayed?

Pray

Spend some time praying about what you've discussed and pray for one another.

*From *Ephesians Book by Book*, by Paul Blackham