

New life from God

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. The devastating diagnosis –v.1-3

a. We are dead – v.1; Rom.1:18-21; 1Cor.2:14;
Rom.8:7,8; Gen.2:17; 3:23,24; Rom.6:23

b. We are slaves – v.2,3

1. To our culture – 1John2:15-17

2. To Satan – Col.1:13; John 8:44

3. To our sinful desires – Jer.17:9; Titus 3:3

c. We are doomed – v.3

2. The amazing doctor – “But God”

His character

- a. His love is great – v.4
- b. He is rich in mercy – v.4
- c. He is incomparably rich in grace – v.5,7-9
- d. He is full of kindness – v.7

The amazing doctor – what he does

- a. Gives his life to save us – Rom.5:8; 1Cor.2:2
- b. Becomes a slave in order to serve us –
Mk.10:45; Phil.2:6-8
- c. Enduring the wrath of God – Mt.27:45,46;
Gal.3:13

3. The extraordinary new life – v.5-10

a. The Christian's new life

1. Resurrection life – v.5
2. Conquering life – v.6 cf.Eph.1:20,21;Col.2:15
3. Glorious life – v.7
4. Purposeful life – v.10

b. Receiving this life

1. Available in Christ
2. By grace

4. Implications

a. The new life is dependent on God

- we must pray
- no room for boasting
- no-one outside of God's reach

b. Live with your head raised & your feet on the ground – Col.3:1,2

c. Be faithful in passing on the Good News

- to those in serious trouble
- telling what God is like, what he has done & offers