

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH/YOUNG ADULT'S CLASS

Ephesians 2: 1-10

“Fringe Benefits” (New Life In Christ)

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Aim's - - - Students Should Know That:

1. When we allow worldly lust/habits that are dominated by Satan to enslave us we are spiritually dead (sin separates us from God), however, God loves us, sent His Son to die (take our punishment) for our sins, and freed/saved us from the slavery of sin.
2. Through faith in Jesus we are "...acquitted and not guilty before God (see Romans 3: 21-22)"; when Jesus died on the Cross he destroyed "...the power of sin and its power over us..."
3. We need to constantly thank God for His Grace and Mercy that we do not deserve, it is a free gift, because we are saved to build up the Church by works of service (God working through us), so that others, too, will be saved!

Discussion Topics:

Grace is a spiritual blessing (fringe benefits) that God gives to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul reminds Christians that we are all sinners, and that Grace is the love of God in action to remove sin, transform lives, nurtures our new life, guides us in His service, and preserves us for eternity. We don't deserve it and can't earn it.

- Why is it important that we stay humble and not boast, especially about our service in church?
- Why is it important to reflect on our past sinful lives prior to accepting Jesus Christ, before we are judgmental of the unsaved?
- Why is it important to remember our old sinful past, and our new lives transformed by Christ, when we witness to others?

Biblical Journey:

- I. This is How You Were!
- II. No Longer under Sin's Power
- III. Don't Get It Twisted

Ephesians 2: 1-3
Ephesians 2: 4-7
Ephesians 2: 8-10

Q & A

1. *“Spiritual death is the result of what?”*

2. *The only way to receive God's free gift of salvation is how?*

3. *Define grace.*

4. *Good works are a result of what?*

5. *Christians are sinners saved by what?”*

6. *What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this lesson?*

I learned that:

“Satan has power within the world, but not in eternity. In the Resurrection, Christ was victorious over Satan and his power. Therefore, Jesus Christ is the permanent ruler of the whole world; Satan is only the temporary ruler of the part of the world that chooses to follow him. Satan's power in this world depends on human rebellion against God. This is how Satan gains control—through our rebellion against God!”