

## Thursday

Read Ephesians 2:4-7. What has God done to solve our pre-Christ problem? Who initiated this solution? What does it mean that he has “raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus?” How does this help you see your life differently? God is in the business of displaying grace and victory to those who live beneath his reign of mercy. May this be a great encouragement to you today and may God give you a fresh view of his unfathomable grace!

## Friday

Read Romans 5:1-11. What does this passage reveal about what God wants to see happen in your life? What is God doing in verse 5? What does 6-11 say about our condition prior to Christ dying for us? Paul is making the point that God is doing something internally in us that is initiated, directed and sustained by him and him alone. How is God working in you to produce endurance, character and hope? Think on this a bit and journal what God reveals to you.

# WAKE UP... and see the Grace That was Then, This is Now Ephesians 2:1-7

Introduction  
I've got good news and bad news!

## I. That was then (2:1-3)

We were \_\_\_\_\_

We were \_\_\_\_\_

- to the world
- to an enemy
- to your own flesh

We were \_\_\_\_\_

## A RADICAL DISEASE REQUIRED A RADICAL REMEDY!

## II. This is now (2:4-7)

We are under a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_!

We are \_\_\_\_\_!

We are \_\_\_\_\_!

We are the recipients of \_\_\_\_\_!

Conclusion  
Which reign are you under?

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## **Emmaus Road**

...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

Have you ever had someone say to you, "I've got good news and bad news?" Like when your mechanic says, "the bad news is that you need a new transmission but the good news is I just booked a cruise to Maui." The passage we explored this past Sunday is much the same way except the good news is actually good news! Paul connects to what life was like for us prior to the work of Christ, but then transitions to what God has done in us and for us through Christ. Let's go back to the passage and I'll show you what I mean.

### **Monday**

Read Ephesians 1:3-23. What do you remember about this passage from our earlier times together? Reflect on what these truths are saying about you (even write them down). What are you struggling to believe about what is being communicated about you in this passage? Ask God to give you skill and insight into the true meaning of these words knowing that they contain the power to change your life.

### **Tuesday**

Read Ephesians 2:1-3. What strikes you about this passage in contrast to what you read and learned in yesterday's devotional? What goes through your mind as you think of what Paul is communicating here? How does it make you feel? It may not seem accurate but in God's way of viewing reality this was true of all of us prior to Christ redeeming us. John Stott once wrote, "we should not hesitate to reaffirm that a life without God (however physically fit and mentally alert a person may be) is a living death." Take a moment and remember what your life was like prior to your own salvation. Don't ever forget from where you have come as it helps us appreciate more and more where God has brought us.

### **Wednesday**

Read Luke 15:11-30. What part of this story do you most connect to? What drew the son away from his Father's house, what drew him back? What can we learn from this? What does the Father mean when he says in verse 24, "For this my son was dead, and is alive again?" How does this help you understand Ephesians 2:1 when Paul says, "and you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked?" The point Paul is making is that it is possible to be physically alive but be spiritually dead! Take a moment and thank God that in Christ you are no longer "dead."