

Uniting

ALL THINGS
IN CHRIST

an Ephesians study

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BUT GOD! (Ephesians 2:4-7)

What is one item that you have on display in your home or office that has significant sentimental value to you?

1. Every believer in Jesus Christ has a “But God” moment in their lives. There is a moment when you recognized that you were dead in your sin and you needed God to rescue you. **Spend some time sharing with your HUB group your “But God” moment.**

Read Ephesians 2:1-10 in two different translations

2. **How do verses 1-3 describe being “dead in trespasses and sins”?** Spend time explaining each phrase.

Leader Note: What does it mean to be “dead” in transgressions and sins? Is this spiritual or physical? Does this imply or suggest that these acts are deliberate? Do the words “ways of this world” imply a lifestyle of unregenerate actions?

3. Paul’s tone changes in verse 4 as he articulates his jubilant declaration of our new reality in Christ. **What reasons does Paul give us for why God has “made us alive with Christ”?**

Leader Note: Look at what the conjunction “but” contrasts and introduces.

4. The words “mercy” and “loyal love” are used interchangeably in early translations. **What actions has God taken that demonstrate his rich mercy towards those who are dead in their transgressions and sin?**

5. Describe “rich in mercy” as it applies to God (1:7; 2:7).

6. According to verse 6, “He raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.” **What does this passage implicitly say about what God saw in us that made us ‘worth’ saving? What do we ‘contribute’ toward our salvation?**

7. “In the heavenly realm” refers to the location that Christ is currently. Paul tells us that believers are presently seated in the heavenly realms. Physically we are on earth, but spiritually we are already with Christ in the heavenly realm (1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12). **How does this reality affect your daily life? Does this position have anything to do with your actions?**

8. Read verse 7. **What should be our response to this? Explain why God chose to save you.**

2021 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people - the Nyamwezi - by 2030.