

THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH: SINNERS SAVED BY GRACE
(Ephesians 2:1-7)

I. THE WEALTH OF THE CHURCH

A. The Plan of God for the Church (1:3-14)

B. The Prayer of Paul for the Church (1:15-23)

C. The People of the Church (2:1-22) ... are sinners saved by grace

1. God's Salvation is initiated by seeing our _____ condition (2:1-3)

a. We were spiritually _____ in trespasses & sins! (2:1)

• The bible speaks of 7 deaths:

1) _____ death – Eph 2:1, 2 Cor 5:14

2) _____ death – Rom 5:12; Phil 1:21

3) _____ death, also called the _____ - Rev. 20:11-15

4) _____ death

5) _____ death

6) _____ death

7) _____ death

• There are 3 aspects of sin we need to understand:

1) We are sinners by _____! (Rom 5:12; 1 Cor 15:22)

2) We are sinners by _____! (Psalm 51:5)

3) We are sinners by _____ of sin! (Rom. 3:23)

b. When we were spiritually dead in sins, we _____ according to...

1) The standards or values of this evil _____

2) The _____ of the _____ of the _____

3) To the _____ that now _____ in the _____

4) As sons of disobedience, we conducted ourselves in our past ...

a) ... in the _____ of our _____

b) ... we sought to _____ the sinful desires of the _____ and of our _____

• What kind of things does the flesh think about? (Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 8:7)

c) We were designated as _____, just like everybody else!

- What does this imply?

- 2. God's salvation was made _____ to every _____ sinner (2:4-6)
- As lost souls, salvation was made possible with the interjection of the words ... " _____ "
- What has God's intervention in history accomplished for lost souls when they respond by _____?
 - 1) God has _____ together with _____! (2:4-6)
- What prompted this intervention! (2:4)
 - a) It was because of God's _____!
 - b) It was because of His great _____ with which He _____ us!
- How did He accomplish this? (2:5)
 - it was accomplished when we cooperated _____
 - it was accomplished by God's amazing _____
 - 2) God _____ together with Christ (2:6a)
 - 3) God has _____ together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (2:6b)
- What does the term "heavenly places" mean?

- 3. God's Salvation has provided a _____ for the believer (2:7)
- *When* will this take place?
- What is God's *purpose* in all this?
- *What* is he going to put on display for all to see?
- *Where* is all His exceeding rich's found?
- What does all this indicate or reveal to us?