

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Ephesians 2:4-9
Sola Gratia

Getting Started

Tell about one of the most meaningful gifts you've ever received.

Digging In

1. **Read Ephesians 2:1-10.** What was our condition before God saved us? (vv. 1-3)
2. What does our salvation reveal about God's character? (v. 4)
3. What action words does Paul use in vv. 5-6 to describe what God has done in saving us?
4. How does v. 5 relate to what Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:3?
5. What do you think it means that God *raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms?* (see Colossians 3:1-3 and Hebrews 1:3)
6. How is God's future grace seen in v. 7?
7. In what ways does Paul make clear in vv. 8-9 that salvation is a gift to be received, not something we can earn?
8. How do we receive this gift?
9. How is the centrality of Christ in salvation seen through this passage? (Note the occurrences of *with Christ* and *in Christ*.)



Getting Personal

- Read slowly through this passage, pausing to personalize each verse and to meditate on the meaning and implications.
- In what or whom are you trusting for your salvation? Are you trusting in God's grace in Christ alone, or are you trusting in grace plus your own efforts to live a good life?
- In what ways are you experiencing God's transforming and enabling grace?
- Take time to thank God for his love, grace, mercy and kindness shown to us in Christ Jesus.