

# *the* TAKE HOME 06.07.15

## Today's Scripture Passage: Ephesians 2:1-10

P 827 Pew Bible

**1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

**3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. **4** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. **6** And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, **7** in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. The text says we (those who are not believers yet) are "spiritually dead." If that is so how do we explain so much interest in and attention to "spirituality?"
2. What three reasons are cited in this passage for our sin?
3. What's the difference between "mercy (vs.4) and grace (vs. 5) How are both employed by God to "make us alive?"
4. According to this passage cite two reasons why we are "saved."
5. What "good works" do you think God has prepared in advance for you to do?

## Prayer

1. Pray we (CCC) might live the life Jesus died to give us.
2. Pray that our thirst to know and experience God will increase.
3. Pray for our elders' continued wisdom as they guide us through this "transitional time.

## Action

1. Read through Ephesians AGAIN this week.
2. Commit Ephesians 3:21 to memory.
3. Meditate on Ephesians 2:10