

**August 6, 2017**  
**NASB Scripture Reading**

**Eph 2:1-10 (NASU)**

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

<sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of <sup>b</sup>this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

<sup>3</sup> Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

<sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

**August 6, 2017**  
**NIV Scripture Reading**

**Eph 2:1-10 (NIV)**

- <sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,  
<sup>2</sup>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.
- <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature<sup>a</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.
- <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,  
<sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.
- <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>7</sup>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.
- <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God  
<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.
- <sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**August 6, 2017**  
**NLT Scripture Reading**

**Eph 2:1-10 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.

<sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.\* He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

<sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,

<sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

<sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

<sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.