

NEW CREATION

: A New Grace [Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)]

1. Challenged to look into the pit Ephesians 2: 1-3

The first few verses of Ephesians 2 invite us to reflect on our sinful nature and highlight our need for Jesus' Grace. Paul chooses to lead with that truth because it's important to be reminded of why Jesus needed to die for us. The empty tomb needs the cross. God calls us to pick up grace with the knowledge of why we need it. A great way of understanding of what GRACE is through the acronym- 'God's Redemption At Christ's Expense

2. But God... Ephesians 2: 4, 8-9

The two words 'But God' in verse 4 are a huge turning point in our stories. Before we were lost, but God's love for us changes everything.

The fact that God's grace is a gift to us (v8), is incredible news. Not only are we saved regardless of our sin, but returning again to God's side is not a weight on our shoulders. Part of the gift is that it is free. God says all we need to do is to have faith in him. No matter how small.

3. What Happens Next? Ephesians 2:10

God's grace enables us to be bold in stepping out and sharing our faith. Living in God's grace means to live it in fullness, in sharing it with others (v10). St. Paul knew this for himself. His conversion was dramatic on the road to Damascus (Acts 9), and through God's Grace he was called to share the message with others 'immediately' Acts (9:20). 'He is indeed the Son of God!' is a simple message if we know it's impact on our lives, perhaps God's inviting us to share that with others.

Conversation Starter

What examples of grace have you seen in your life? Do you think it's easy to see?

What might God be saying to me about this theme/situation?

Have you been tempted to skip or lessen some difficult messages in the Bible? Do you feel that it would strengthen or weaken your Faith to explore them deeper?

What have I learnt that I want to hold on to?

What in your lives could the simple message of "(Jesus) is indeed the Son of God change? Do you feel you live in the light of this message?

How am I going to put it into practice?

Do you feel comfortable in how you share or challenge others to follow God? How could you pray for God's grace to support you in doing so?

**We believe our God-given vision is see:
thriving communities springing up,
where everyone can belong and find hope in Jesus.**

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