

4. Why are the wrath and judgment of God essential characteristics of His being?

5. What has God's grace done for us?

How has His mercy and kindness changed the way you think and live?

6. How do your unsaved friends and neighbors see that you are a "trophy" of God's grace?

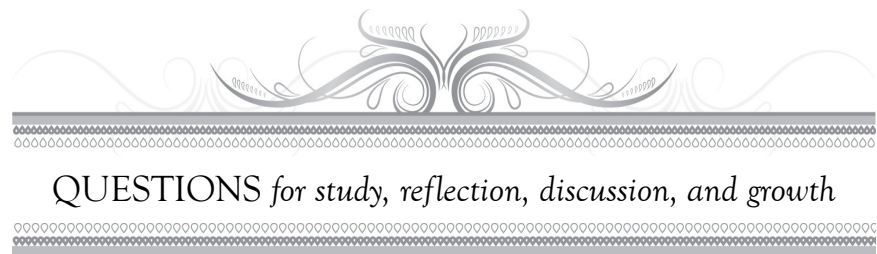
- I. A. 1. walking, missing. I. A. 2. a. love. b. response. c. relationship.
- I. B. 1. a. married. b. time, eternity. I. B. 3. a. passions. b. perverted, imaginations.
- I. C. 1. love. I. C. 2. righteousness.
- II. A. 1. rich, mercy. II. A. 2. full, compassion.
- II. B. 1. alive, raised us up, seated.



Week 6: BAD NEWS, GOOD NEWS

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- I. The Condition of Human Beings Apart From Christ (Ephesians 2:1-3)
 - A. We were dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1).
 - 1. Spiritual death involves both _____ from the true path and _____ the mark of true righteousness.
 - 2. Living while dead.
 - a. No _____ for God.
 - b. No _____ to God's voice.
 - c. No _____ with God.
 - B. We were in bondage to the world, the flesh, and the devil (Ephesians 2:2-3).
 - 1. The course of this world.
 - a. _____ to the spirit of this age.
 - b. Living for _____ rather than _____.
 - 2. The command of the evil one.
 - a. Our denial of Satan and evil spirits.
 - b. Under the influence.



QUESTIONS *for study, reflection, discussion, and growth*

- 3. The control of our fleshly desires.
 - a. At the mercy of our _____.
 - b. At the mercy of our _____ thoughts and _____.
 - C. We were under the wrath of God.
 - 1. God's wrath is a manifestation of His _____.
 - 2. God's judgment is a manifestation of His _____.
- II. The Condition of Human Beings United With Christ (Ephesians 2:4-7).
- A. "But God"—music to our ears!
 - 1. God is _____ in _____.
 - 2. God is _____ of _____.
 - B. The amazing grace of God revealed.
 - 1. God has made us _____ with Christ.
 God has _____ with Christ.
 God has _____ us in the heavenly places with Christ.
 - 2. The significance of our salvation.
 - a. Spiritual life unites us with Christ.
 - b. Spiritual life anticipates a future fulfillment.
 - C. The amazing grace of God displayed.
 - 1. The wealth of His grace.
 - 2. The goodness of God.

Notes:

- 1. Read Ephesians 2:1-7.
- 2. Describe your life apart from Jesus Christ.

Even though you may have been raised in a Christian home, how do the descriptions of pre-Christian life help confirm the reality of your relationship with Jesus?

- 3. How does this lesson help you to see that there is a distinct difference between religion and a relationship with God?

Can a person be religious, even very religious, and yet dead to God? Why, or why not?

Can a person be good without God? In what way?