

Family Theme | **Saving Grace**      Date | **May 11, 2025**

Study Text | **Ephesians 2:1-22**

**Read the Word:** Ephesians 2:1-22

**Disciple Your Family:** Encourage your family members to thank God for His gift of salvation and do the good works He has prepared for them to do.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



**Key Truth: Unbelievers Are Spiritually Dead in Sin (Ephesians 2:1-3)**

**APPLY:** Worship and serve the Lord who brought you from spiritual death in sin to spiritual life in Him.

- *What does it mean that we were "dead" in our sins before Christ saved us? (We were spiritually dead, separated from God; we were under the dominion of Satan and slaves to our sinful nature and desires; we did not have the eternal spiritual life that God gives us at salvation.)*
- *We once lived according to the passions of our flesh. How can remembering this help us to have humility and to be patient with those who are still lost?*

**APPLY:** Praise and obey God. We deserve God's wrath, but He sent His Son to save us.

- *How can we demonstrate our love and appreciation for God sending His Son to save us?*
- *What should we do if we realize we are starting to revert back to the ways of the world?*



**Key Truth: People Are Saved By Grace Through Faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10)**

**APPLY:** Bask in the rich mercy and great love God has shown you in salvation.

- *How has God shown you mercy and love?*

**APPLY:** Don't do good works seeking to earn salvation. Salvation is a gift of God that comes through faith in Christ alone.

- *Many people believe they can earn their way to Heaven by doing good works. How does Scripture refute that? (We cannot do enough good deeds to earn salvation; we have all fallen short of God's perfect standard; Christ paid the penalty for our sins and gives us the righteousness we need to be made right with God when we trust in Him.)*
- *We cannot earn our way to Heaven by doing good things, but good works are still important. What is the Christian's role when it comes to good works? How should faith influence this?*

**APPLY:** Do the good works God has prepared for you as you walk with Him.

- *What does it mean that in Christ we are created for good works? (As new creations in Christ, God has prepared good things for us to do as we walk with Him; etc.)*



**Key Truth: Believers in Christ Are United as Part of God's Household (Ephesians 2:11-22)**

**APPLY:** Unbelievers are without hope and without God. Share the gospel with them.

- *What makes some resistant to the gospel message? In what ways have you seen God open doors and allow you to share the gospel with others?*

**APPLY:** All who believe in Christ, no matter their background or ethnicity, are united as members of the body of Christ.

- *Why is unity in the Church (both local and full body of believers) important?*
- *Why is it sometimes difficult for us to live in unity and harmony with people who are different from us?*
- *What are some non-essential differences we can set aside to focus together on building God's kingdom?*

**Build a Foundation:** Discussion questions for elementary students.

- What does it mean to be saved by grace?
- What are some ways the world wants you to believe about your salvation?
- If you are saved by grace and not by your actions, why should you do good deeds?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: ***Ephesians 6:11***



**Discuss This Week's Building Block:**

We cannot earn our salvation. It is only a gift of God's grace.

### **Everyday Extras:**

Talk about times your child has received a kindness he or she did not deserve. Think of a way your family can show kindness to someone who will not expect it. Remind family members we should show grace to others because God has shown grace to us. Point out instances when grace is shown or when opportunities to show grace to others arise.

### **Preschool Highlights:**

Today your child learned the believers in Ephesus were having trouble getting along with each other. Paul wrote in his letter for them to be humble, gentle, and patient, show love to others, and get along with one another. As part of God's family, we should do those same things in our lives. **I Can Obey God's Word** and live in ways that honor and please Him.