

Identity: Made Alive in Christ

PASTOR MIKE YODER • EPHESIANS 2:1-10

**God's
New People**
PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

WARM UP

What is one thing that resonated with you from the sermon?

COMING UP

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, September 13 • 12:00–6:00 p.m. • MC Multipurpose Room • Someone needs a unit of blood every three seconds, and that need can only be met by volunteer donors like you! Join us in partnering with the American Red Cross as we meet this urgent need in our community. Learn more and make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code "GracePolaris") or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Kiddie Konsignment Sale Saturday, October 8 • 9:00 a.m. • Ministry Center • Our Kiddie Konsignment Sale is the perfect place to buy gently-used items for mothers-to-be and infants to elementary-aged kids: clothing, furniture, toys, maternity items, baby equipment, and more. The sale is open from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. All items not sold in the morning will be half price from 1:00–2:00 p.m. Gain early access at 8:30 a.m. for just \$5 cash at the door. To sign up to consign your items, visit GracePolaris.org/Sale.

Baptism Class Sunday, October 9 • 10:45 a.m. • WC 10 • What is baptism and why does it matter? If you're a follower of Jesus but haven't been baptized, join us for this one-week class to gain a biblical understanding of baptism. Baptism will take place during our worship services on October 23. RSVP for this required class and apply to be baptized at GracePolaris.org/Baptism or text "Baptism" to 614-888-7733.

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WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Describe a home project that you have attempted. What's the difference between an adjustment and an overhaul? Which better describes what is needed for humanity in light of Ephesians 2:1–3?
- 2 What's the difference between dead, comatose, ailing, and sick? According to Ephesians 2:1, which is true of humans?
- 3 "The depravity of man is at once the most empirically verifiable reality but at the same time the most intellectually resisted fact" (Malcolm Muggeridge). Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 4 Many verses in the New Testament speak of the resurrecting work of God in sinful human beings. But Paul also highlights the reality that believers are "raised ... and seated" with Christ (2:6). Why is that significant?
- 5 How is salvation by grace such a wondrous gift and a humiliating reality at the same time? Why is this gift so difficult for people to accept? Is (was) it for you?
- 6 The Bible declares salvation is by God's grace alone. It is not our works that earn anything. What are indications that someone, even a professing believer, is trying to earn salvation?
- 7 We are not only saved from our sins and past selves, we are saved to a life of good works (2:10). How does that give our present lives purpose and significance?

PRAY

Praise God for all He has done for us, as communicated in Ephesians 2:1–10.