

## *The Gospel*

A simple reminder from Ephesians 2:1-10 that the Gospel is the *greatest news* one could ever hear!

### **1. We are dead in sin (1-3)**

**Ephesians 2:1-3** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of 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.

### **2. We are helpless apart from God's intervention (4-6)**

**Ephesians 2:4-6** 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,

### **3. We are made to demonstrate God's glory (7)**

**Ephesians 2:7** so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### **4. We are saved by grace through faith (8-9)**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** 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.

### **5. We are saved resulting in a life of good works (10)**

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Finally, recognize the *urgency* to heed these biblical truths and do not linger!

**2 Corinthians 6:2** Behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"—

**Hebrews 4:7** He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."