

Saved by Grace

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Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

- Introduction

- Gung Hey Fat Choy
- My Dad, Quin Shen Yu, baptized here at Journey in 2001
- DOA
 - The Last Will is a _____ giveaway.
 - What do you call a funeral ship? _____
 - _____ are a dying practice.
 - Did you hear the news about the graveyard? People are _____
 - Where do dead people invest their money? _____
- **Ephesians 2:1-10**, *"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no-one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

- Original Sin

- Total Depravity
- Radical Corruption
 - Radix – root
 - Core – heart
- **Genesis 1:26-27**, *"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them"*
- **Genesis 5:3**, *"When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son **in his own likeness, after his image**, and named him Seth."*
- **Psalms 51:5**, *"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."*

- Romans 5:12, *"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."*
- Pelagius vs Augustine – 418 AD
- Isaiah 5:20, *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness."*
- Divine Justice

- **Sola Gratia – By Grace Alone**
 - Ephesians 1:4, *"**BUT** because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved."*
 - The Heart Attack
 - Ephesians 2:8, *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no-one can boast*
 - Ephesians 1:4-6, *"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves."*
 - Predestination
 - God's grace in Christ alone

- **Good Works**
 - Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*
 - Acts 1:8, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*
 - 2 Timothy 1:7, *"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."*
 - Reach out and share your testimony with someone new by February 28