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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Eph. 2:1-10

“Monergism – Part Two”

- I. Greeting – 1:1-2
- II. God’s Eternal Plan for the Church Explained – 1:3 – 3:21
 - A. Doxology – 1:3-14 [a Run-on of Praise]
 - B. Paul’s First Prayer – 1:15-23 [a Run-on of Prayer]
 - C. Personal Application of God’s Eternal Plan – 2:1-10**
 - 1. What we were (1-3)**
 - a. Dead
 - b. Drifting (world, devil, flesh)
 - c. Destined for wrath
 - 2. Who God is (4)**
 - 3. What God did (5-6)**
 - 4. Why God did it (7)**
 - 5. How God did it (8-9)**
 - 6. What we are (10)**

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. Eph. 2:1 says we were “dead.” According to the biblical implications of being dead [1 – we cannot change our nature – Jer. 13:23; 2 - we cannot enter God’s kingdom – Jn. 3; 3 – we cannot do anything spiritually good – Jn. 15:5; 4 – we cannot understand or believe the truth – 1 Cor. 2:14; 5 – we cannot obey or please God – Rom. 8:7-8; 6 – we cannot come to Christ for salvation – Jn. 6:44], who was responsible for our salvation? What is the difference between Monergism and Synergism? Which do you think best describes how a person is redeemed?
2. Eph. 2:4 gives us a powerful contrast to what we are. How does Paul describe the being / nature of God in this verse? What other verses can you find that describe God BEING love? What other verses can you find that describe God as BEING merciful?
3. What did God do for us in verses 5-6? Note that what Paul describes as a practical reality for Jesus in chapter 1 is described as a positional reality for believers in chapter 2. How should these positional truths impact the way we live right now?
4. According to verse 7, why did God do this? When are “the ages to come”? What does God want as the focal point in eternity? What is grace? What is kindness? Do we deserve this kind of treatment?
5. Paul starts verse 8 and verse 10 with the word “for.” These verses are the support for what Paul has just said about God’s monergistic redemption of man. How do verses 8-9 show that our redemption was all of God? What does the word “that” refer to in verse 8?
6. How does verse 10 support Paul’s statement in verse 9 that our salvation was not accomplished by works?
7. Note the contrast between verses 1-3 and verse 10. Both verses address our “being.” Who ARE we now that we are in Christ Jesus? How does who we ARE impact what we DO?
8. How many of your neighbors need to be delivered from being walking dead people destined for God’s wrath? List 5 of them by name and pray for them daily. Then take the opportunity God gives you to talk to them about Jesus and His amazing grace.