

Saved by Grace
Ephesians 2:1-9

- I. Review
 - A. All of us are sinners, preferring our will to God's will, running away from God
 - B. But God gives us grace – a gift that we don't deserve
 - C. Grace is also given to those unable to earn it, to those who are dead in their sins

- II. Go further – read Ezekiel 37:
 - A. What does God show Ezekiel in verses 1-2?
 - B. God's question in verse 3 seems to be testing how much hope Ezekiel has that this situation can improve. What do you think Ezekiel means by his response?
 - C. What does God tell Ezekiel to do in verse 4?
 - D. What is the message God gives Ezekiel in verses 5 and 6? Who does God say will be responsible for the people's restoration?
 - E. What effect does Ezekiel's preaching have in verses 7-8? What is still missing?
 - F. In Hebrew, the word for "breath" can also be translated as "wind" or "spirit." What is God telling Ezekiel to do in verse 9?
 - G. What is the result of Ezekiel's prayer in verse 10?
 - H. God explains the vision to Ezekiel in verses 11-14. Who do the bones represent? How much hope do they have?
 - I. What does God say He will do for His people in verses 12-13?
 - J. What two promises does God make to His people in verse 14?
 - K. What does God say that His people will know about Him in verses 13 and 14?

- III. Apply
 - A. Given Paul's words and Ezekiel's vision, how serious is the problem of sin for people in general? How serious is the problem of sin in your own life?
 - B. What sorts of things do you tend to do to cope with sinful thoughts, feelings and actions? Which of these strategies are helpful and why?
 - C. Given Paul's teaching and Ezekiel's vision, where is the real solution for sin? How can we live in the light of this truth every day?