

“YOU ARE QUICKENED”

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Subject: “What Happens When You Get Saved?”

Introduction

- ◆ In chapter 1, we began our series entitled “**Diamonds From Ephesus**”.
- ◆ How Ephesians is the Word of the Lord to believers in a pagan culture.

Question: What are the six “**Diamonds**” from Ephesus?

Answer: In chapter 1, you are **accepted!**
In chapter 2, you are **quicken!**
In chapter 3, you are **strengthened!**
In chapter 4, you are **renewed!**
In chapter 5, you are **empowered!**
In chapter 6, you are **standing!**

(In Chapter 1, We Discovered 3 Things)

#1. You have been Adopted

- ◆ Which means; by an act of God, you have been given right standing in His family.

#2. You have been Accepted

- ◆ Which means; the unworthy has been declared worthy, and God has fully accepted you as He has accepted His Son.

#3. You have been given Assurance

Question: What is your blessed assurance?

Answer: (V. 11), That God is working all things after the counsel of His own will!

(Today – Diamond #2)

In Chapter 2

Question: What does it mean in verse 1, to be dead and then quickened?

Question: What does it mean in verse 2, to live as children of disobedience?

Question: What does it mean in verse 3, to be bound by the lusts of our flesh?

Question: What does it mean in verse 6, to be raised up to sit in heavenly places?

Question: And in verse 10, why has God done all that He has done in your life and mine?

- ◆ What does it mean that you have been quickened?

(Diamond #2 Has 3 Revelations)

I. What You Were “Before” You Were Saved (Vs. 1-3)

Question: Pastor, how does God describe me before I am saved?

Answer: God describes our pre-conversion existence in 3 ways:

#1. We were dead in our sins (v.1)

“And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins”:

Question: What does it mean to be dead before we are saved?

Answer: It means: ◆ ... To be void of spiritual life,
◆ ... To be unable to respond to spiritual things,
◆ ... To be separated from God and the life He provides.

Question: What were we dead in?

Answer: “Trespasses and sins” (which means:)

- ◆ The word “Trespasses” (PARAPTOMA) means: “To go in the wrong direction”
- ◆ The word “Sins” (HAMARTIA) means: “To fall short of God’s standard, goal and purpose”

(So To Be Dead In Trespasses And Sins, Means:)

- ◆ Before you are saved, you are void of spiritual life, separated from God, going in the wrong direction, and falling short of God's intended purpose for your life!

(Not Only Were We Dead In Sin, But...)

#2. We were **disobedient** to God's will (v. 2)

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience"

Question: What does it all mean:

Answer: It means, that before conversion;

- ◆ Satan, who himself was disobedient to God, wants you and I to disobey as well.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Before conversion, we walked "according to the course of this world" (or we were slaves to the values and manners and habits of our environment).
- ◆ Before conversion, we walked to the drumbeat of the prince of the power of the air, (or, we were held captive to the authority and power of satan's influence over us).
- ◆ Before conversion, we were children of disobedience (which means, we spent our energies living disobedient to the will of God for our lives).

(#1. We were dead in our sins)

(#2. We were disobedient to God's will)

#3. We were **desirous** of fleshly things (v. 3)

"Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind"

Question: What does it mean?

Answer: (V. 3) means, that before conversion;

- #1. People live to gratify the carnal appetites of a corrupt sinful nature, (and)
- #2. People live to satisfy the cravings of the spiritual nature received from the first Adam.

(In Plain Vanilla, Before Conversion In Verses 1-3)

- ◆ We are dead in sins and void of spiritual life.
- ◆ We are disobedient to God's will, and walk to the drumbeat of the values of our environment.
- ◆ We are enslaved to the lusts of our flesh that were robbing us of our God given potential,
- ◆ And we are "The children of wrath", (or condemned under the wrath of God because of sin).

(That Was Before We Were Saved)

II. What God Did "When" You Were Saved (Vs. 4-9)

Question: First of all, how and why does a Holy God go out of His way to save sinful people?

Answer: (Verse 4), tells us why:

- #1. Rich Mercy (and) #2. Great Love

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Mercy from God, allows God not to give us what we rightly deserve.
- ◆ Love from God, allows God to forgive us and remove our sin and rebellion.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ God's judgment against us has been satisfied.
- ◆ Our penalty for sin has been paid.

- ◆ And the corresponding result from God's mercy and grace is incredible.

Question: Pastor, what's the glorious result of conversion.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ What happened when you got saved?

#1. You were "Quickened" (v. 5)

"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ"

Question: What does it mean to be "quickened"?

Answer: The word "Quickened" means: "Made Alive"

(In Other Words)

One moment we were dead in sins, and the next moment we are alive in Jesus.

(In Other Words)

One moment we are **dead** in sin, **disobedient** to God and enslaved by the **flesh**.

(But At Conversion)

- ◆ We are reborn in our spirit, and the Living Holy Spirit takes up residence in us.
- ◆ We are regenerated with supernatural life from God.
- ◆ We are implanted with spiritual life from God.

(#1 – You Were Quickened)

#2. You were "Raised" (v. 6)

"And has raised us up together"

Question: What does it mean to be "raised up together with Jesus"?

Answer: It means (at conversion) we are elevated to a new level of life.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ At conversion, we are raised from the dead, like Lazarus was raised from the dead.
- ◆ At conversion, we are raised from the death of sin, to new life in the spirit.
- ◆ At conversion, we are raised from the dead former attachments that had the smell of death all over them.
- ◆ At conversion, we are raised up to a new purpose, a new outlook, a new dimension, a new longing, a new attitude, a new power, a new level, a new family, a new future, a new resurrection power over sin.

(#1 – You Were Quickened – Made Alive)

(#2 – You Were Raised – To A New Level Of Living)

#3. You were "Seated" (v. 6)

"And made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus".

Question: Pastor, what's it mean to be seated together in heavenly places?

Answer: It means the believer lives in two worlds.

#1. Physically – our address is on earth, #2. Spiritually – our address is in heaven.

(In Other Words)

#1. We live in a body here on earth, (but)

#2. We fellowship with the Lord in heaven.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ We enjoy continuous fellowship with Jesus.
- ◆ We enjoy what Jesus enjoys.
- ◆ We enjoy the benefits Jesus enjoys.
- ◆ We enjoy communion with the Lord in heaven while we walk the dusty roads of earth.

Question: Why is it impossible to gather together as believers, and just sit still like a dead man in a graveyard?

Answer: Because beloved, we know something from Ephesians 2: 5,6: (We know)

#1. We are **Quickened**,

◆ And have been made alive by the Holy Spirit of the Living God.

#2. We are **Raised**,

◆ From an old life of sin to a new level and a higher purpose.

#3. We are **Seated**,

◆ And have the privilege of fellowship with Jesus in heaven (while our feet are temporarily on earth).

Every day is like Christmas for believers because we are **quickened, raised and seated!**

III. **What Happens Now “After” You Are Saved? (V. 10)**

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them”.

Question: What does the Lord mean when he says that you are His “Workmanship”?

Answer: The word “Workmanship” comes from the Greek word (POIEMA).

◆ A (POIEMA) in Paul’s day was a piece of art, sculpture or masterpiece of someone.

◆ The (POIEMA) was the artists choice piece of work, (his masterpiece) for him to show the world.

Question: Why has God saved you and is now making you His masterpiece?

Answer: (Verse 10), “Created in Christ Jesus unto good works”

Question: Why did God save you, quicken you, raise you and seat you with Jesus?

◆ So that you could show by your life, that you are God’s workmanship.

(In Other Words)

◆ Your existence on earth (after salvation) is to give evidence that God is real and has the power to change your life.

Question: Is the way we live that important to God?

Answer: (Verse 10) “Created unto good works which God has ordained that we should walk in”.

(In Other Words)

◆ God has predetermined that we display His workmanship by holy lives and living free from sin.

“We Should Walk In” (Means:)

◆ We are responsible to accept responsibility for anything in our lives, that does not reflect the nature of the Master Sculptor (Jesus).

AMEN!
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