

For the week of January 23, 2022
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A Trip to Heaven

Third week in the series: The Mystery of Christ
Ephesians 2:1-10

Do you find yourself living anxiously? Does everything seem to depend on you? Are you trying hard and wearing yourself out? Ephesians 2:1-10 can bring about a soul-transforming reorientation.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think of Paul's descriptions of humans before they come to faith in Christ: "dead in the trespasses and sins," "following the course of this world," "following the prince of the power of the air [Satan]," living in "the passions of our flesh," and "children of wrath"?
2. What does this truth impact you: God has raised up those of us who believe in Christ and "seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"?
3. What does it mean to you that we are saved "by grace," "through faith," "not as a result of works, that no one may boast"?
4. What does it mean to you that "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"?
5. What do you think of this quote from Eugene Peterson? "In fifty years of being a pastor, my most difficult assignment continues to be the task of developing a sense among the people I serve of the soul-transforming implications of grace—a comprehensive foundational reorientation from living anxiously by my wits and muscle to living effortlessly in the world of God's active presence. The prevailing North American culture... is, to all intents and purposes, a context of persistent denial of grace."