



“But God...”

3/29/26 | Text: Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

I. “But God” — The two words that changed everything (v.4a).

Dead in sin...but God.
Walking in the world...but God.
Under the prince of the power of the air...but God.
Children of wrath...but God.

II. Rich in Mercy, Great in Love (v.4b).

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us...

J.I. Packer: “Grace is love freely shown toward guilty sinners, contrary to their merit, and indeed in defiance of their demerit.”

III. Three acts that rewrote our story (vv.5–6).

1) Made alive together with Christ (v.5)

2) Raised up together with Christ (v.6a)

3) Seated with Christ in the heavenly places (v.6b)

Romans 8:1: *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

IV. The Eternal Display (v.7).

Ephesians 2:7: *so that in the coming ages he might show the **immeasurable riches of his grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 3:10: *so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: When did you last feel genuine horror at what you were in verses 1–3 & genuine astonishment at the grace that overcame it? You are already seated with Christ above every power. What would change about how you face this week if you actually lived from that position? Verse 7 says God saved you to put His grace on display. Does your life make the gospel look beautiful to those watching? Which person from the conclusion describes you right now: the unbeliever, the struggling believer, or the comfortable believer; and what does this text say directly to you?

Next week’s sermon text: Ephesians 2:8-9

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