

# Appreciating God's Forgiveness

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. Eph. 2:4-5a

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To better appreciate how God has forgiven you, you must...

- 1) Consider who you were (1-3)
  - A. You were dead in your sins (1)
  - B. You walked in your sins (2)
  - C. You followed the course of this world (2)
  - D. You followed Satan (2)
  - E. You were a son of disobedience (2)
  - F. You lived in the passions of your flesh (3)
  - G. You carried out the desires of your body (3)
  - H. You carried out the desires of your mind (3)
  - I. You were a child of wrath – deserving Judgment (3)
  
- 2) Celebrate what God did (4-7)
  - A. God had mercy (4)
  - B. God showed Love (4)
  - C. God made you alive (5)
  - D. God showed Grace (5)
  - E. God raised us up with Christ (6)
  - F. God has seated us in the heavenly places (6)
  - G. God has poured out and will pour out the riches of his Grace in kindness toward us (7)
  - H. God has given us the greatest gift (8)
  - I. God did it all in His might and on our behalf, when we were powerless to do anything (9)
  
- 3) Complete the work he has prepared for you to do! (10)
  - A. See his handiwork
  - B. Sense your destiny
  - C. Serve your king

# Application Questions

Answers to some of the following questions will be found in Ephesians 2.

1. What is the best gift you've ever received?
2. What three characteristics mark the condition of a person without Christ? (2:2-3)
3. What position has God given Christians in Christ by His divine power? (2:6)
4. What will God show in the future eternal state? (2:7)
5. Why can no one boast in his own salvation? (2:8-9)
6. How is the believer God's work of art? (2:10)
7. What were you like before you became a Christian?
8. Why was your position hopeless before becoming a Christian?
9. When did you receive the gift of new life?
10. How would you describe God's grace to you?
11. Why hasn't anyone deserved God's grace, mercy, or riches?
12. How do you see God's creative workmanship operating in your life?
13. With whom can you share the news of God's mercy? How?
14. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, what good work for the kingdom of God can you do this week?