

1. The Bad News

2. The Good News

3. What is the place of “good works” then?

4. Why did God save us by grace?

Ephesians study 2

The gift that silences boasting!



Discussion

What are the differences between these free items:

1. Buy two DVDs get one free!
2. Win a free trip to Europe, apply for your bank loan now!
3. You are in prison and under the death penalty for breaking the law but you have been given a free pardon.
4. Your parents give you are free trip to Europe for your 21st Birthday.

In what way are these things free and what impact do they have on us?
Which of the above are truly free gifts?

Read Ephesians 1:15–23.

1. What does Paul pray for the Ephesian Christians? And why does he pray this way?

	What?	Why?
1:17		
1:18		

2. What kind of hope do Christians have (v18)? Why is that hope certain (ie not just wishful thinking)?

3. What kinds of things do you usually pray for? How are Paul's prayer different from our prayers?

Read Ephesians 2:1–10.

4. How does Paul describe what the Christians were before they became Christians?

2:1

2:3

5. What did God do to change the situation in...

2:4–5?

2:6–7?

2:8–10?

Think about it

6. How do people boast about their salvation? What does this boasting look like?

7. What did Paul mean that we are seated in the heavenly realms with Christ?

Think and Apply

What difference does it make to our lives knowing that salvation is a gift from God?

Why is it necessary to admit that we are not good enough before we can accept God's gift of forgiveness? How hard or easy is this for you?

Why do people lose their assurance of salvation?

How does the Gospel of grace affect the way we treat others (family, friends, classmates)? How hard or easy is this?

Summary

Ephesians 2:8–9 are great verses to memorise.