

How GREAT is that!

Ephesians 2:1-10

I. God has Provided for us.

"And you He made alive, who were dead..." – vs. 1

"But God...made us alive together with Christ..." – vs. 4,5

- *In the midst of this world of sin, God has provided life, forgiveness, freedom, joy, blessing, a future, a relationship, love, peace, and deliverance for the believer.*
- *How GREAT is that!*

In light of God's Provisions...

- *Let us live as those who have life!*
- *Let us live as those who have been forgiven!*
- *Let us live as those who have been freed from the shackles of sin!*
- *Let us live as those who have a relationship with the KING!*
- *Let us live as those who are moving towards paradise!*

How?

- *Let us stop complaining, and start rejoicing!*
- *Let us stop looking at those who "look down" on us, and let us start focusing on the one who "looked down" for us!*
- *Let us choose joy instead of sorrow, peace in the midst of turmoil, and faith in the midst of uncertainty.*

We choose all of these things, because...

God has provided for us!

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II. God has Protected us.

"...in which you once walked...according to the prince of the power of the air..."

– vs.2

"...and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

– vs.3

- *God has protected us from the "snare" of the devil, delivering us from it.*
- *God has protected us from the future consequence of sin – eternal death.*
- *How GREAT is that!*

In light of God's protection...

- *Let us walk boldly in our faith in Christ!*
- *Let us rely solely on His strength, not our own.*
- *Let us stand firmly in our convictions on the Word of God.*
- *Let us "Go" when God tells us to GO!*
- *Let us "Stop" when God tells us to Stop!*

How?

- *Obey the Word always, not only when it's convenient.*
- *Be consistent in your walk with Christ no matter where you are, and no matter who you're with.*
- *Remember God's protection for us, even when it can be easy to doubt.*

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III. God is Perfecting us.

"...and raised us up together...that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace..." – vs.6,7

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus..."
- vs. 10*

- *God has not only done a marvelous work in our lives, He continues to do it!*
- *God is perfecting us in Christ, until we are in glory with Him. This will be eternity!*
- *How GREAT is that!*

In light of God's perfecting...

- *Let us keep our eyes focused on the author and finisher of our faith!*
- *Let us seek to be willing "vessels" for His use!*
- *Let us study the Word daily, so that we might know how to better serve Him!*
- *Let us appreciate more and more God's patience and perseverance with us!*

How?

- *Don't get "side-tracked" with sin. Resist the devil, and draw near to God.*
- *Don't get "side-tracked" with self. Remember that He must continue to increase in your life.*
- *Don't get "side-tracked" with this life. Realize that God is perfecting us for eternity! Not for this life!*

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