

Ephesians 2: 1-10

1. Read 2:1–3

- a. What does Paul mean by saying that his readers used to be ‘*dead*’ (2:1)?

- b. Paul goes on to talk about sin in terms of slavery. Can you identify the forces that hold humanity captive?

- c. Why do some find Paul’s description of humanity as ‘*by nature children of wrath*’ (2:3) unacceptable? What do you think?

2. Read 2:4–10

- a. How does Paul describe salvation in these verses?

- b. For what reasons did God save us? Draw out the two strands which Paul mentions in this passage.

- c. In what ways does Paul stress that salvation is a gift from God which cannot be earned?

- 3.** Spend some time in praise for the salvation God has given you in Christ and in prayer for those known to you who remain ‘dead’ to God.