

# Ephesians 2:1-10

## Study 7: The Honourable Church Part 1



### Discussion Starter

Think of someone you consider to be honourable (they need not be a Christian).

- What are their characteristics?
- What stands out about them?
- How do others perceive them?
- What do people say about them?

Ephesians 2 introduces us to the idea of an honourable church, one where the former way of life is truly a thing of the past.

God's amazing grace has been poured out in our lives - do we truly live as if we have received it?



Why is Paul writing this?

1. *What does it mean to be 'dead' in our sins (v.1)?*
2. *Paul uses the past tense to describe our former way of life (v.2)? What assumption is he making here?*
3. *Who is the 'ruler of the kingdom of the air' (v.2)?*
4. *Is Paul saying people are disobedient because Satan is at work in them, or that Satan takes advantage of those who disobey?*
5. *What is meant by 'the flesh'?*
6. *Paul speaks of death and life in v.5. How does the link to Christ's resurrection?*
7. *Why does Paul speak of God's grace in the 'ages to come'? Why not speak of the here and now?*
8. *Why might Paul have had occasion to speak of God's gift of grace, and the elimination of boasting?*

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**How does this apply to or influence us today?**

*1. How do we view our own salvation? Do we really consider ourselves once dead, now alive?*

*2. What causes us to revisit our former way of life? What is the impact on ourselves and others?*

*3. The here and now is important, of course. But why is it also important to consider our eternal future?*

*4. Where does boasting come from? What form does it take?*

*5. What does it mean for us to be 'created in Christ Jesus'? What does this say about our salvation?*

*6. How does God go about preparing us for good works? Is it simply a list of tasks to fulfil, or something more?*