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## OUR SUPERNATURAL SALVATION (Ephesians 2:4-10)

- I. God MADE Us ALIVE WITH Christ (Eph. 2:4-5)
  - A. He transformed those who WERE spiritually DEAD to those who ARE spiritually ALIVE (2:5*a*, *b*)
    - 1. We were HELPLESS and HOPELESS
    - 2. We have eternal LIFE and a glorious DESTINY
  - B. This demonstrated God's MERCY (2:4*a*)
    - 1. God's NATURE is to BE MERCIFUL-
    - 2. God has ABUNDANT COMPASSION toward sinners
  - C. This demonstrated God's LOVE (2:4*b*)
    - 1. His love does for us that which we NEED
    - 2. He loves the UNDESERVING
    - 3. God has ABUNDANT LOVE for us
  - D. This demonstrated God's GRACE (2:5*c*)
- II. God RAISED Us UP WITH Christ (Eph. 2:6a)
  - A. We still anticipate a PHYSICAL resurrection in the FUTURE
  - B. This refers to our CURRENT status as SPIRITUALLY resurrected

- III. God SEATED Us WITH Christ (Eph. 2:6*b*-7)
  - A. He EXALTED us in the HEAVENLIES
  - B. He did this to DISPLAY His GRACE (Eph. 3:21)
    - 1. This display is both PRESENT and ETERNAL
    - 2. His grace toward US is LIMITLESS
    - 3. His grace is an act of KINDNESS toward us
- IV. God SAVED Us in Christ (Eph. 2:8-10)
  - A. We are saved BY GRACE (2:8*a*)
    - 1. It is UNDESERVED
    - 2. It is SOLELY the product of GOD'S work
  - B. We are saved THROUGH FAITH (2:8*b*-9)
    - 1. We MUST BELIEVE
    - 2. We CANNOT PRODUCE it ourselves
    - 3. "It" is the GIFT of GOD
    - 4. Our WORKS contribute NOTHING
    - 5. We have NOTHING of which to BOAST
  - C. We are "HIS WORKMANSHIP" (2:10)
  - D. He saved us for GOOD WORKS
    - 1. These were PREPARED by God in ADVANCE
    - 2. They have become the ENVIRONMENT in which we WALK