

God's Glorious Grace

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God!

From the Depths To the Summit

Where We Were
(vs. 1-3)



Death Valley

Where God Takes Us
(vs. 4-10)



Mt. Whitney

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Bringing the Text to Light and Life

But God! (vs. 4)

- The ‘greatest short phrase in the history of human speech’: a summary of the gospel
- Man’s desperate plight → God’s gracious act!
 - Children of wrath → Children of God
 - Spiritual death → Spiritual life
 - Twisted, broken nature → New, godly nature

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What God Has Done & Why (vs. 5-7)

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(vs. 5,6)

- We were dead – no corpses in heaven!
We were enslaved – no slaves in heaven!
We were condemned – no condemnation in heaven!
- ‘together’ – union with Christ and one another...
- *Made alive* – a new nature, heart and disposition!
Raised – a new environment!
Seated – victorious, secure, privileged!

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- To demonstrate the immeasurable riches of His grace... (vs. 7)
 - God is moved by His attributes of mercy, love, and kindness toward His creation, but... there is more!
 - The ultimate goal: an eternal display of God's grace! He (not we) stands central in the spotlight of eternity!

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God's Good News (vs. 8-10)

- *Salvation is by grace through faith:*
 - *Salvation: deliverance from the death, slavery, and condemnation of vs. 1-3*
 - *Grace: getting what you don't deserve – no strings!*
 - *Faith: taking God at His word and acting on it*
- *Salvation by grace through faith is not:*
 - *From you, but a gift from God you receive*
 - *Not your doing that you can take credit for*

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What Faith in God Looks Like

**Harry Colcord and
'The Great Blondin'
Niagara Falls, 1859**

The only way to go from the death valley of the soul to the heights of salvation is to be carried there by Jesus.

