



Title: But God (Ephesians series)

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

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I. MANKIND'S CONDITION APART FROM GOD (v.1-3)

1. We are dead

2. We are enslaved

- i. the course of this world
- ii. the prince of the power of the air, the spirit at work...
- iii. the passions of our flesh, the desires of the body

3. We are condemned

"Our nature is so deeply curved in on itself, that it wickedly, curvedly and viciously seeks to use all things, even God, for its own sake." –Luther

II. HOW GOD SAVES (v.4-6)

Romans 1:16

2 Corinthians 4:6

2 Corinthians 5:21

1. Jesus takes the punishment for our sin.

- Colossians 2:13-15

2. He raises us from the dead and makes us alive with Christ.

III. WHY GOD SAVES (v.7-10)

1. To be a display of his immeasurable kindness.

2. To bless the world through His people and draw people to Himself.

Some applications:

1. This explains why things are the way they are.

2. The Gospel really is Good News and our only hope.

3. The Gospel is the end of all our boasting.

4. All of life is to be lived in response to God's saving grace.