

S O L A

Scripture • Grace • Faith • Christ • Glory to God

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STUDY 2



Introduction

“Sin is not cancelled by lawful living, for no person is able to live up t t the Law. The Law reveals guilt, fills the conscience with terror, and drives men to despair. Much less is sin taken away by man-invented endeavours. The fact is, the more a person seeks credit for himself by his own efforts, the deeper he goes into debt. Nothing can take away sin except the grace of God.”

Martin Luther (1483 to 1546)

Quoted in [These Truths Alone](#) by Jason Helopoulos (Good Book Guide, 2017) page 19



EPHESIANS 2:1-10

Investigate

1. What does Paul say about our condition before salvation (v1-3)? Is this only true concerning some people? Why or why not?
2. What are the implications of being “dead in [our] transgressions and sins”?
3. What do the following passages teach us about the state of fallen people: John 3:19-20, John 8:34, Romans 3:10-18, Romans 8:6-8 and Colossians 3:5-7?
4. Who is the active party in verses 4-7? What did God accomplish for us (v5-8)? Why did He do this (v4)? How did God choose to save us (v8)?

5. Why should the doctrine of *Grace Alone* put a stop to all boasting (v9)?
6. What would you say to the person who believes that “grace alone” undermines living a life of holiness to the Lord (v10)?



THINK IT THROUGH

Impact

- ↪ “Of course God will save; it’s His job!” What is the problem with such a statement?
- ↪ why is it important to understand the depth of our sin and the wretchedness of our condition apart from Christ to truly value our salvation fully?
- ↪ what characteristics would you expect to see in the life of someone who has grasped the truth that salvation comes to us by grace alone?
- ↪ what practical importance does God’s free, sovereign & unmerited choice to save people by an act of gracious love have upon our preaching & teaching as a church and our evangelising as Christians?



FOR NEXT TIME

In preparation

For next time, please read: ROMANS 3:21-28!