

# Resurrection Power

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, December 6, 2020; Markes Wilson

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Sermon Theme: Humanity is in a hopeless state. We are unable to save ourselves or to live righteously, but God has made us alive in Christ by grace through faith and made us to work for His glory.

## **I. The Nature of Man – Read Ephesians 2:1-3**

- A. In verses 2 and 5, Paul declares to the readers that they were dead in their sins. What does it mean to be dead in your sin? Why is it so important for us to acknowledge this unpopular truth?
  
- B. What is meant by “following the course of this world”? Who is the prince of power of the air? How does following the course of the world relate to following the prince of power of the air? How does John 8:42-47 help you think about the only two identities available to mankind?
  
- C. What did your life look like when you were following the course of this world?

## **II. The Work of God – Read Ephesians 2:4-7**

- A. Verse 4 introduces God into an otherwise hopeless scene. What is unique about this text regarding God’s love and mercy? Exodus 34:6 and Lamentations 3:22 both relate to these attributes. When you think of God’s love and mercy, what passages or stories in the Bible come to your mind?
  
- B. In verses 5-6, Paul gives us three actions God accomplished for us in Christ. What are these actions and what do they mean?
  
- C. Paul says that God did these actions to show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us. How do you wrap your mind around a concept like “immeasurable”? How should we treat our brothers and sisters in light of God’s immeasurable riches of grace in kindness toward us?

## **III. The Man of God – Read Ephesians 2:8-10**

- A. Why is it so important to not only understand, but regularly remind ourselves, that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone? How does this passage teach this reality?
  
- B. Read Ephesians 4:17-5:21. God planned work for us to do after following Him. Paul often uses the language of “putting off” and “putting on.” What are some things you need to “put off” in your life? What are some things you would like to “put on”?