



***“When God says, “but””  
Ephesians 2:8-10 and Psalm 51***

What person in your life, (can't say Jesus) has inspired you the most? What was it about them that gained your attention?

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How would you define grace? What does it mean to you?

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God's grace reaches the \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Ephesians 2:1-3*. How would you summarize these verses in your own words? Circle the word or phrase that stands out to you.

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Paul says, “you previously walked according to the ways of the world.” In what ways do you see people walking according to the ways of the world? In what ways do you see yourself walking in the same ways?

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Without Jesus I am spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

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How can a shared history of sin help me in sharing the gospel with another?

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Read *Ephesians 1:17-22*. What contrast do you think Paul makes between Jesus and me when he says, “As for you...” in 2:1?

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God's grace is not \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Ephesians 2:4-7*. Paul starts this section with the words, “but God.” How do these two simple words change the direction of Paul's letter? What confidence do they bring to me?

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Here Paul is saying God took an active step in our behalf. “Made us alive with Christ.” Read *Romans 6:4*. What is the relationship between these two active actions in these verses?

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Paul summarizes what happens when God intervenes in our lives, when God says, “but” with the statement, “You are saved by grace.” How have these 5 words changed you? Read *Acts 15:11; 2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 2:11, 1 Peter 1:10*.

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God's grace moves me to \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Psalm 51* and *Ephesians 2:8-10*. How does God's grace cause Paul, and David to respond? How does God's grace move me to respond?

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This week

Will I take time to praise and thank God for his grace in my life?

With whom, and how can I share the power of God's grace? Who will I ask to pray with me as I do?