

You 2.0

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INTRODUCTION

Today, we had the privilege of receiving God's Word from our guest speaker, Pastor Kye Chung. In the message we looked at Ephesians 2:1-10, and how we are not only saved by grace, but are called to live by grace as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things that you are thinking about or perhaps resolving to do in your relationship with God as you begin this New Year?
2. What are some of the ways that we often try to fill the gap between Us and God? How have you tried to manage the gap between the current you and the YOU that you want to be?
3. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How does the Apostle Paul describe our life before Christ? What do these verses reveal about our true nature? How have you seen these verses played out in your life this past year?
4. In Ephesians 2:4-7 Paul describes God's plan for filling the gap between Us and Him. What are some of the key words we find in these verses? Why are these words so crucial for us in understanding His plan for us?
5. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How does Paul order the process of God's grace in these verses? What is the theological significance of this order?
6. In verse 10 we read that we are God's handiwork, workmanship, that we are His masterpiece. From this we learned that we are not saved BY good works, but that we are saved FOR good works. How can this truth impact the way we live our lives in 2016?

CONCLUSION

In the message we learned that self-improvement is no more a part of God's plan for our lives than self-salvation. In fact, God's plan for our lives is that we not only embrace the truth that we have been saved by grace but that we live by grace as well. And it is God's grace that frees us from the cycle of guilt, which leads to this need for us to try harder in order to please God, which leads spiritual fatigue, and this often causes us to quit out of discouragement, which leads to us feeling guilty once again.

MERCY

God not giving us what we DO deserve

GRACE

God giving us what we DON'T deserve

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them." – Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV