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WEEK 3 | SHOW IT OFF

WARM UP

If you were to go back in time to when you were around 6 years old and you had to share during, "Show and Tell" time, (Show and Tell is where you bring a picture or an object and share briefly about it with your classmates and teachers), what is one thing from your childhood you would show and why?

WORD

Read **Ephesus 2:4-10**

In Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, he makes one of the most harrowing presentations of the essence of the Gospel: that by grace we have been saved through faith, which is not mustered by us, but as a gift from God.

NOTES

1 It Starts with God

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

Ephesians 2:4,5 (ESV)

Paul vividly points towards the vastness of the mercy and great love that God has towards the Church, that despite our fallenness, his love and mercy makes us come back to life, and saves us. Despite our failure and sin, the resurrection power of the love of God brings us back to life.

- Have you ever experienced the great love that God has for you? If you have, what have been the effects of his love being experienced in your life? If you haven't, would you be willing to receive prayer to receive his love?

2 Rich Beyond Measure

⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:5-7 (ESV)

Paul describes the grace of Christ Jesus towards us in three ways: first, it is beyond measure, which means that it can never be exhausted. Second, it's richly displayed in God's limitless kindness towards his children, and third it brings us back to life and positions us to have a heavenly perspective on life and all that it entails.

- What words would you use to describe God's grace towards you?
- Do you have a heavenly perspective on all areas of your life? If so, what must you do to maintain that perspective? If not, would you be willing to ask God to give you a heavenly perspective on this life?

3 Walk this Way

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

- Are you walking in the good works that God has prepared for you beforehand? Fully or partially? Why or why not?
- Now that you know that you are God's masterpiece, a part of his workmanship, how should you carry yourself?
- Have you received Christ as LORD? Why or why not?

PRAYER

- Take time to thank God for his grace and mercy towards you.
- Thank God for his workmanship in your life.
- Ask that God would show you who may be on his heart within your sphere of influence and ask God for the boldness, generosity and love to present the Gospel to them at the right time.