Grace Alone

Ephesians 2:1-10

10/15/17

1. _____in _____in

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, **following** the course of this world, **following** the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, **carrying out** the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind." (1-3)

2. _____by _____

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us** alive together with Christ—**by grace** you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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 beforehand, that we should walk in them." (4-10)

"Sin is not cancelled by lawful living, for no person is able to live up to 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 endeavors. 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

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

1. ______in ______ – 32 years

"For what ought to be more attractive to us sick men, than grace, grace by which we are healed; for us lazy men, than grace, grace by which we are stirred up; for us men longing to act, than grace, by which we are helped?" Augustine

2. _____ by _____ - 44 years

common grace –

"God's grace did not find us ______ but _____."

Augustine