

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from September 2, 2012 Blessed in the Beloved Ephesians 2:4-7

Observing the text

If Ephesians 2:1–3 had not been written, do you think the concepts of verse 4 and following would have as much effect? Why or why not?

What attributes of God are mentioned in Ephesians 2:4–7? What actions of God are mentioned in Ephesians 2:4–7? What can you observe about these?

If man was essentially good, then how would we think about God's mercy, love, grace and kindness?

Applying the sermon

Ephesians 2:1-3 teaches that we all were once dead to God in our sins and were children of wrath like the rest of fallen humanity. But Ephesians 2:4-10 shows God's merciful intervention in our lives. Spend a few minutes writing out your story of how God rescued you and positioned you alive in Christ.

What encouragement is there in the fact that we are accepted by God, not on the basis of our personal performance, but on the basis of the infinitely perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ?

What are practical ways your life can reflect the surpassing riches of God's grace this week ?