

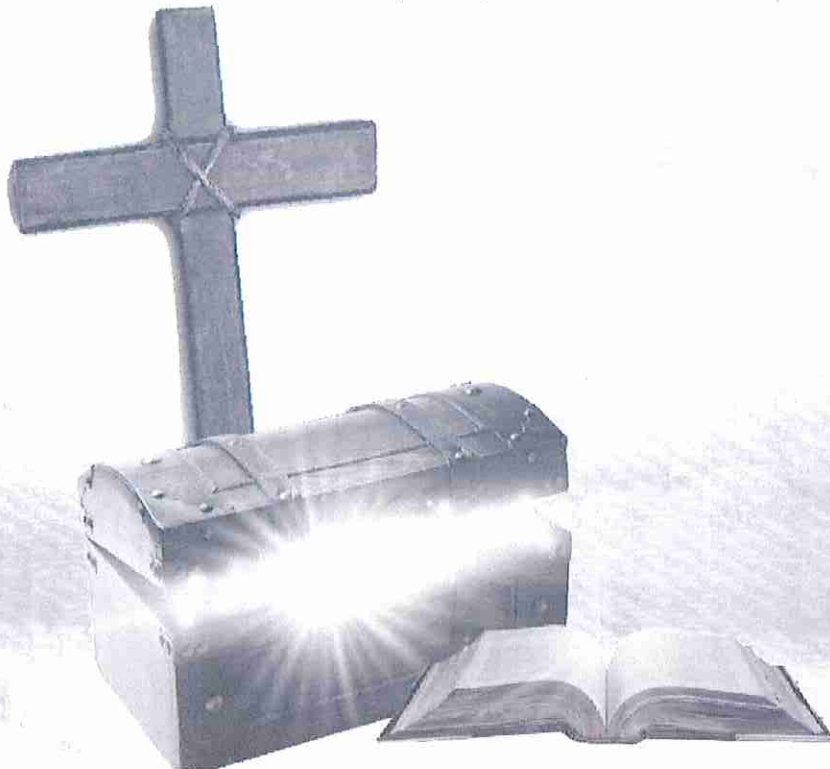
TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 5

The *Treasure* of “Real” Living

“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 -...”

Ephesians 2:4-5
(ESV)



TRUE TREASURES

Lesson 5 Ephesians 2:1-7
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THE BAD NEWS: DOWN IN THE PITS 2:1-3

A. What is the **state** of the "living dead"?

"We should not hesitate to reaffirm that a life without God, however physically fit and mentally alert the person may be, is a living death and that those who live it, are dead even while they are living."

John Stott

B. What are the "living dead" **influenced** by?

1. They are influenced by the **world**.

2. They are influenced by the "**prince** of the **power** of the air."

3. They are influenced by the "**flesh**."

C. What are the **results** of being "living dead"?

"The world dominates from without, the flesh from within, the devil from beyond."

Unknown

THE GOOD NEWS: *UP IN THE HEIGHTS OF TRUE LIFE*

2:4-7

- A. What is the **state** of "true life"?
1. It is through God's **love**.
 2. It is through God's **mercy**.
- B. What are the **results** of "true life"?
1. The heights of **resurrection**
 2. The heights of the **heavenlies**
 3. The heights of His **riches**

SUMMARIZING THE TREASURES WE POSSESS

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 6

Grace is God's love going out to us when we are completely undeserving. It is a lavish, joyous word - a free gift - not something we earned or deserved!

Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

Day 1

1. What is the central truth of this passage?

2. What are some key words in this passage? What is their significance?

Day 2

3. According to verses 8-9, how do we receive salvation? According to these verses what is our part in response to what God has done?

4. Describe in practical terms what "faith" means.
See also Acts 13:39, 16:31; John 1:12; and Romans 4:5.

Day 3

5. According to verse 9, what is salvation NOT based on?
What is the reason given that we are not saved by works? Explain.

6. If saving faith is a gift from God, what is the purpose of good works? See Ephesians 1:12; Matthew 5:16; John 15:8; and Titus 3:8. How does that relate to you?



Day 4

7. How are those who belong to Christ Jesus described in verse 10? What does Paul mean by "workmanship"?

8. What is our purpose according to verse 10? When did God plan this? What does that teach us about God and what does that teach us about ourselves?

9. What is the difference between the "works" of verse 9 and the "good works" described in verse 10?

Day 5

10. Read Romans 12:4-8 and describe some of the "gifts" we are given to do His "works." See also James 1:5-8; II Timothy 3:16-17; John 15:5 and 10. What tools have you been given in determining the "good works" God has prepared for you to do?

11. What has God taught you through the study of this passage? How will it change you?

12. Summarize in practical terms the treasure you possess, through Christ, according to this passage.

