

Sermon Notes

Themes from Ephesians

“But God . . . Raises Us With Christ” – Eph. 2:4-7

I. Introduction

A. The problems of translation.

1. Loss of meaning.
2. The rearranging of words.
3. Problem in Ephesians 2:4
 - a. NASV and NKJV are better translations than the NIV.
 - b. But God . . . !

B. We were hopeless for three reasons.

1. We were dead in our transgressions and sins. Verse 2.
2. We were enslaved to sin. Verse 2.
 - a. Following the Prince of the Power of the Air.
 1. II Timothy 2:26
 2. John 8:34
3. We were under God’s sentence of wrath. Verse 3.

C. But God! – Ephesians 2:4-7

1. We are like Lazarus (John 11:38-44)
 - a. Background on the book of John
 - b. Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 10, Section 1.
2. These two words, “But God”, contain the entire Gospel.

II. Exposition

A. Why did God do it?

1. Love – Verse 4.
2. Mercy – Verse 4.
3. Grace – Verse 5.
4. Kindness – Verse 7.

III. The Point for Reflection

A. In view of such love, how shall we then live?

1. Colossians 2:8-15
2. John Calvin’s plea