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EPHESIANS

MYSTERIES REVEALED

MADE ALIVE

SERMON RESOURCE

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OUR LITURGY

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.
And where the Spirit of the Lord is -
There is freedom!

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

Big Idea: In Christ, God brings us from death to life by grace, gives us a new identity, and invites us to make His goodness visible in the world.

Read Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)
Notice

- What changes when Paul says "But God" in verse 4?
- What does God do for us in verses 4-7?
- How do grace and good works relate in verses 8-10?

Sin
Paul describes sin as more than a list of wrong choices. Cut off from the Source of life, we are shaped by the assumptions of our world, the power of evil, and our own misplaced desires.

Discuss

- What cultural messages quietly shape what you value or pursue?
- How does this picture of sin challenge the idea that sin is only about breaking rules?
- Paul says "all of us" lived this way. How might that shape the way we see others?

But God
The passage turns on two words: "But God." Out of great mercy and love, God makes us alive, raises us, and seats us with Christ. This new identity is already ours; it changes how we live here and now.

Discuss

- What does God's initiative reveal about His character?

- Where do you need to receive His mercy instead of simply trying harder?
- How might your week look different if you truly lived from your new identity in Christ?

Grace Made Visible

Salvation is God's gift, not our achievement. Yet grace is not passive: we are His handiwork, created for good works. Our lives can become living pictures of His mercy, justice, kindness, and welcome.

Discuss

- Where does faith become a scorecard for you?
- What is the difference between serving to earn favour and serving because you are loved?
- Where have you seen God's grace become visible through an ordinary act?

APPLICATION — 30 MINUTES

Read Colossians 3:1 and Matthew 5:16

One Small Step

Ask: "Where can the grace I have received become visible this week?"

Choose one person and one small action—an invitation, an apology, an act of generosity, or quiet kindness. Let it be a r**esponse to grace, not an attempt to earn it.**

Reflect Together

- What small step will you take, and with whom?
- How might you keep that action rooted in grace rather than performance?

PRAY TOGETHER — 10 MINUTES

- Thank God that salvation is His gift.
- Ask the Spirit to reveal what is shaping your desires.
- Pray for courage to show the character of Jesus in ordinary life.