

# Sermon Outline

## THE GOD WE BELONG TO | Geoff Lin

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

### 1. The God we belong to

2. The Global Mission Taskforce we belong to
3. The church family we belong to

### 1. A God who is rich in mercy

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Eph 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- what we are all like (vv1-3)

- what God is like (seen in what He has done for us) (vv4-7)

- how we receive what God has done for us, and how we now live (vv8-10)

(Some) implications:

i. at Trinity City, you'll hear a constant call for repentance

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ii. at Trinity City, you'll hear a constant exhortation to evangelism

Mk 5:18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

### 2. A God who speaks to us through His Word

The way God works in His world is through His Word

Is 55:10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for **every good work**.

(Some) implications:

i. "Be Like the Bereans"

Acts 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

ii. Explaining some of our ministry priorities

- personal daily devotions

- expository preaching in Sunday gatherings

- "growth" groups which gather around God's Word

- memory verses