

Digging Deeper: Ephesians 2:1-7

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Day 1

Before you start, pray asking for God's help so you can learn from His Word. Use a notebook or a journal to record your ideas and findings while you study and pray through His Word this week. Read Ephesians 2:1-7. What does it mean to be "dead in your transgressions and sins"? What do you read in verses 2 and 3 that describe how it is we are dead? Who's in charge of this sinful chaos; what does Paul call him?

Day 2

If you can, find a quiet place without distractions to settle your mind and spirit. Read Ephesians 2:1-7. Check out these additional passages when it comes to being a follower/believer of Jesus, while in this world: Matthew 12:22, Mark 4:19 and 1 Corinthians 6:11.

Day 3

Pray for your neighbors. Ask God how He wants you to love and support your neighbors and friends with patience, love, grace and generosity today. Read Ephesians 2:1-7. Spend some time looking up the definitions of mercy and grace.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mercy>

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/grace>

Read and meditate for a few minutes on what these words actually mean. What is the relationship of mercy and grace to faith/belief in how we are raised up to Jesus? Check out Colossians 2:12-13.

Day 4

Pray for who Jesus wants you to connect with today. Which 2-3 people come to mind as you pray? Call them. Send them an encouraging word. Read Ephesians 2:1-7. What word(s) best describes your life before Christ? Same question again; how about after Christ? Check out Colossians 2:12-13.

Day 5

Pray and ask Jesus how he wants you to learn from His Word today. Read Ephesians 2:1-7. Check out Lamentations 3:22-23. What does God tell us about His grace and mercy for us? What are the keywords in these two verses?

Day 6

As you pray, reflect and discuss with Jesus and the Holy Spirit about the past days of the week and how you can apply what you learned this week for His glory. One last time, read Ephesians 2:1-7. How has your life changed since you met Christ? What has God's grace meant for you?