

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 17TH-18TH, 2018 // SPIRIT FILLED

WHO CAN STAND?

HOW DO WE STAND?

WHAT HAS CHRIST DONE THROUGH REDEMPTION?

EPHESIANS 2:1-10 NIV

2 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. 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. 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.

WE ARE ALL GUILTY

Paul points out we were once dead in our sin. Obviously this isn't physical death. This is spiritual death.

Being spiritually dead is separation from God.

Paul paints a bleak picture reminding us that apart from Christ's mercy, we are alienated from God.

We cannot stand before God on our own merit. We were dead and only by his mercy can we be made alive.

3 ARGUMENTS

1. I can stand in God's presence on my own because I'm a good person.
 - Sin Separates us from God **Heb. 12:14**
 - It's not insignificant.
2. I can stand in God's presence because I do good things.
 - My good works are worthless.
 - How much is enough?
3. I can stand in God's presence because love wins out.
 - God is loving, however He is also just.
 - God's love isn't the issue.

Good News is coming. God is rich in mercy.

HE HAS MADE US ALIVE IN CHRIST

We are a new creation 2 Cor. 5:17 NIV

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"

- **We were given a new heart Ez. 36:25-27 NIV**

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

HE RAISED US UP WITH CHRIST

- **We have been crucified with Christ Gal. 2:19-21 NIV**

"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

- **We are part of a different kingdom 1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV**

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

HE'S GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **We are to be filled with the Spirit Eph. 5:18**

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit"

- **We live by the Spirit Gal. 5:24-25**

"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

LUKE 11:9-13

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

WE CAN ONLY STAND BECAUSE WE ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

HAVE YOU BEEN FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

ARE YOU LIVING LIKE YOU'RE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?