



SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS for the week of June 26, 2022

“One Savior and Lord”

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Theme/concept

We are all people in the same plight, in need of one Savior. No other cultural savior or lord will do.

Icebreaker (for groups)

Describe a time when you were rescued from an unpleasant, or even dangerous, situation.

Reflections on the sermon

How did the sermon change—or reinforce—your perspective, and how are you likely to change your actions as a result?

Scripture

Ephesians 1:13-2:10 (New International Version)

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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. ³All 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. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Reviewing the Scripture

1. How is the Holy Spirit described in Ephesians 1:13-14?
2. What power is available to the church as it lives out its calling (1:19-20)?
3. What is the extent of Christ’s authority (1:21-22)? What does this say about the certainty that God’s divine purpose will prevail?
4. In 1:22-23, what metaphors are used for Christ and the church?
5. What are some characteristics of the old life described in verses 2:1-3?

6. What is the hinge on which the new life depends (2:4)? According to verses 2:5 and 8, how does deliverance to new life happen? What role do humans play in the process?

7. What does the future hold for the people of God, according to 2:6-7?

8. How does verse 10 describe the ethical way of life that is God's intention for humanity?

Going deeper

1. Based on Ephesians 1:13-2:10, what does it mean to be saved?

2. How would you describe spiritual death?

