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John 5:21; Romans 6:4; 8:11; Colossians 2:12-13; John 14:19; Revelation 20:4

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:4-5

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved”

BIG IDEAS

- Sin makes us dead.
- Jesus died in our place knowing who we are at our worst.
- God’s mercy and grace toward us are on display through the cross.

BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

TRANSFORM - I AM IN CHRIST

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a “new creation” in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- God is holy and we are separated from Him in our sin.
- The gospel transforms sinners into saints.
- The Christian life is about becoming who we already are in Christ.



Every student should feel...

- The depth of their sin against the holy God.
- Wonder and awe at the good news of the gospel.
- Secure in the identity that they now have in Jesus.



Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of Ephesians
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week during the Ephesians series.
- Learn how to use a commentary.



Every student should want to...

- Be transformed by the gospel.
- Put sin to death and pursue holiness.
- Share the good news of the gospel.

FAMILY WORKOUT

God raises us to new life through Jesus. This week, we will consider how to help your student understand his or her new life through a saving faith in Christ. We will consider with your son or daughter how we are dead in our sins, but raised to new life through Christ. This week you will pray with your son or daughter a prayer of thanksgiving to God for showing mercy and grace. We will practice growing in understanding of our faith by reading commentary on Ephesians 2:1-10.



Meditate upon Ephesians 1:15-23 and Colossians 1:9-14.

- Consider the prayers prayed in these verses and how you can pray these things for your son or daughter.
- Consider what it means to grow in Christ and how you might lead your son or daughter to grow in Christ through a study of God's Word.

Consider how you can help your child gain a better understanding of who God is.

- Consider how you might help your child go from knowing about God to knowing God.



Spend time this week praying with your child.

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