**SERMON NOTES**

**Date:** June 2, 2019

**Series:** “BUT GOD”

**Title:** But God Gives life

**Text:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Big Idea**: We are dead in our sins, but God makes us alive in Christ according to the riches of his grace.

**MAKE IT REAL Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion**

**REVIEW THE SERMON**

Summarize in your own words the spiritual condition of both the unsaved and the saved?

On what basis is a sinner saved and why does it matter?

**APPLY THE TRUTH**

How do you relate to the picture of unredeemed humanity in verses 1-3?

In what ways do you still feel the pull of the old nature in your Christian walk today (v. 3; cf. 4:17-24)?

Write out your own “but God” statements based on the identity comparisons of v. 1-3 and v. 4-7. (Example: “I was born of this world, but God has given me a seat in heaven.”

How do these comparisons help root your thinking in your new identity in Christ, especially when you’re tempted to walk according to the old nature or doubt God’s love for you?

Identify a few ways you are tempted to boast in yourself and in your own spiritual accomplishments (v. 9)?

How does God’s grace not only strip you of pride but put gratitude in your heart (v. 8)?

What good works do you believe God is calling you to do right now (v. 10)?

**COMMIT THIS WEEK**

Identify one way you see God’s grace at work in you each day this week. Be prepared to share these discoveries with others as a testimony to the riches of his mercy and love.