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The Power of God's Grace (1:15-2:10)

Power in Christ (Eph. 1:19-23)

- God raised Jesus from the dead (v. 20; John 2:18-22; Romans 1:4)
- God seated Jesus at his right hand (v. 20; Psalm 110:1a)
- God subjected all things under Jesus' rule (v. 21-23; Psalm 110:1b; Matthew 28:18)

What We Were (2:1-3)

- **Dead in transgression and sin (v. 1-2)**
  - Spiritual death (Genesis 2:17; 3:22-24)
  - Serving Satan's authority, not God's

- **Children deserving wrath (v. 3)**
  - All – Jew and Gentile – are guilty of sin (Romans 1-3)
  - "By nature" – not total inherited depravity but developed by choice, habit, lifestyle (cf. Romans 2:14)

Power in Us (2:4-10)

- **"But God…" (v. 4)**
  - Motivated by rich mercy
  - Motivated by great love
  - *Even when we were dead… (Rom. 5:6,10)*

- **God raised and exalted us ***together with Christ*** (v. 5-6)**
  - What God did for Christ he did for us too – this is the gospel!
  - In eternity, there is more to see (v. 7)

Power in Us (2:4-10)

- **What we are now (v. 8-10)**
  - Saved by grace through faith
  - *By God* we are made – created in Christ Jesus
  - Walking in good works (not sins – v. 2)

- **The power God displayed at Christ's resurrection and exaltation – he displays the same power in our salvation!**

Application

When we “see” the power God has to work in our lives we will…

Hope deeper

Preach bolder

Live purer