EPHESIANS 2; October 31; Spiritual Dead Quickened To Life

ANALYSIS:

1. What is the sinner's condition, stated twice in the first five verses, and how does God correct it?
2. What can the elect expect God will do for them in the ages to come?
3. What did the Jews call the Gentiles at the time Paul wrote this epistle?
4. What is now true of the saints at Ephesus who were once called strangers and foreigners?
5. How are the elect described who are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus being the chief corner stone?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Can you imagine?! God loves us as unworthy sinners demonstrating the greatness of His love. He quickened us when we were dead. He showed us mercy where wrath was deserved. He frees us from the control of the prince of the power of the air to work good works in Christ Jesus. He brings us near to Himself by the blood of Christ, who were far off. He unites Jews and Gentiles into one new man in the church of Christ. He preached peace to us who were guilty of breaking His commandments. He is growing us to be His holy temple. The above is possible only by amazing grace through the blood of Christ!

Can you bear with some regenerated sinners who have not reached perfection? Consider those who may disappoint you as desiring to grow into an holy temple in the Lord. Pray one for another. Encourage and exhort as you are led of the Spirit. Let us all strive to walk in the good works God created for us.

HELP:

- 1. As sinners, all are "dead in trespasses and sins." God "quickens" or makes alive those who are His elect (vs 1, 5).
- 2. God will show them the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness through Christ Jesus (v 7).
- 3. Uncircumcision (v 11).
- 4. They now are "fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God" (v 19).
- 5. They are growing unto "an holy temple in the Lord, \dots an habitation of God through the Spirit" (vs 21-22).