

The Universal Evil of this Dark World

Primary Point: There is nothing good but God.

Primary Text: Ephesians 2:1-10 – “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. **3**All 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. **4**But 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. **6**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, **7**in 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—** **9**not 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.**

1. All of us are contributors to the sin of others.
2. The only thing good in you is God.

Application Questions:

1. As you think about the sins of those closest to you, in what ways have you contributed to them?
2. How have the sins of others gotten on you? And what was the context of their sin?
3. As you think about your sin, what comfort is there in David’s words, “Father, against you, and you only, have I sinned?”
4. If everyone else is guilty, what keeps you from justifying your sin?
5. How does knowing, “There is nothing good but God” give you freedom and peace?