

# **The Mercy of God and the Sending of His Son**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

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# Summary of Ephesians 2:4

1. God is super-abundant in mercy and therefore the gospel began in the heart of God (v. 4).
2. God conceived the gospel in all its parts, with all its implications, and sovereignly chose to direct his love toward the elect (v. 4).

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3. God prepared good works before the foundation of the world that those who would be made alive in Christ should walk in them (v. 10).
4. God sent his only begotten Son to live a righteous life, die a real death, be raised from death and seated again at the right hand of God in the heavenly places (v. 5).

# The Bad News:

- God is infinitely holy, just, and true
- Our sin against God is infinite
- Because of our sin we rightly deserve the wrath of God

*Hebrews 10:31, "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God"*

# What is God's Solution?

- To take our wrath upon himself in Christ!
- “For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Cor. 5:21)

*The measure of the mercy in the heart of God is Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

# Key Question:

Why did God solve the problem of our sin and his wrath in this way?

- To display the measure of his mercy
- Because of the measure of our sin

# About Planting this Church:

- I believe that God is calling this church into existence
- If I'm right then God is calling us to become like Jesus, carrying on the work of proclaiming and displaying the mercy that is in his heart