

**GOLDEN TEXT**

Eph. 2 : 8. By grace are ye saved through faith.

**DAILY READINGS**

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| M. — Eph. 2 : 1-10.   | Paul's message to the Ephesians. |
| T. — Eph. 2 : 11-22.  | Then and now.                    |
| W. — John 5 : 17-21.  | From death to life.              |
| Th. — Eph. 3 : 13-21. | Passing knowledge.               |
| F. — Rom. 3 : 19-26.  | Free grace.                      |
| S. — Eph. 4 : 20-32.  | Good works.                      |
| S. — Rom. 5 : 1-10.   | Love to sinners.                 |

**CATECHISM**

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?  
A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

**TIME AND PLACE**

The Epistle to the Ephesians was written by Paul in A. D. 62. At the time of writing the apostle was a prisoner at Rome. This imprisonment began in A. D. 61 and lasted two years.

**LESSON PLAN**

- I. Saved from Death, 1-3.  
A death in trespasses and sins.
- II. Saved to Life, 4-7.  
To which we are raised with Christ.
- III. Saved by Grace, 8-10.  
Which bestows salvation as a gift.

**LESSON HYMNS**

Book of Praise, 129; 76 (Ps. Sel.); 124; 148; 555; 588.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY**

**Juniors**—To whom was this epistle addressed? Where was Paul when he wrote it? By whom did he send it? (ch. 6:21.)

1, 2 What persons are here described? What had been their condition? Who had ruled over them?

3 Who are included in "we all"? What is meant by "conversation" here? What are some of the desires of the flesh? What is meant by "children of wrath"?

4-7 How does the Bible describe God's mercy? (Ps. 36:5; 103:17.) How did He show it? (Luke 1:78.) Whence does salvation come? (v. 5.) What is the best measure of God's grace? (2 Cor. 8:9.) To what privileges does salvation raise us? (v. 6.) What is there in the future? (v. 7.)

8-10 What is salvation here called? How do we receive it? Who makes us Christians? For what purpose? Who plans out our lives?

**Seniors and the Home Department**—How long after last lesson was this epistle written? In what condition was Paul? How long did he remain in it?

1-3 What does "quickened" mean? Who makes this change? Describe man's state by nature. What name is here given to Satan? To what wild beast is he compared? (1 Pet. 5:8.) Who overcame him? (Matt. 4:1-11.) In whom does he now work? How does God look upon sin?

4-7 In what is God rich? (vs. 4, 7; ch. 1:7, 18.) To whom are divine riches offered? (ch. 3:8.) By what gift has God proved His love? (John 3:16.) What is meant by being raised together with Christ? By "heavenly places"?

8-10 What can good works not obtain? Of what

are good works the proof? (James 2:18.) When only are we walking in the way God has appointed for us?

**Prove from Scripture**—That God is merciful.

**Practical Points**—1. The tree is dead when it is cut off from the root; the fire is dead when the spark is gone out; the man is dead when the heart stops. So the soul is dead when the breath of the spirit of God is withdrawn.

2. Socrates was once accused of having a base and lewd disposition. His disciples knowing his character to be altogether the reverse, were much enraged, and would have beaten the offender, Socrates interposed, and modestly acknowledged, "I was once naturally the character he describes, but I have been regenerated." Every Christian has been a child of wrath, but the grace of God has changed him.—Christian Commentary.

3. Newman said: "Numbers in this bad world talk loudly against religion in order to encourage each other in sin, because they need encouragement. They know that they ought to be better than they are."

4. Those who yield themselves to the course of this world are like a chip at the mercy of the stream; those who fight against it are, like the fish, masters of themselves.

5. Beecher, noting that one man is rich with \$10,000, another with \$100,000, and a third with \$50,000,000, exclaims, "How rich, then, must God be in heaven!"

6. "Created!" That describes the process by which alone we can be made holy. It is not by any process of doctoring; but by being made a new creature.

**FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS**

1. From what does God save men? .....

2. Through whom does God save men? .....

3. What must we do to be saved? .....