

C. Conclusion

The position and practice of the witness offer an interesting study. But it is meaningful only as you see yourself as a witness. The believer is that and in this knowledge he must strengthen himself so that he will both serve his world as a source of truth and serve his God as a spokesman for the salvation offered through faith in Jesus Christ. We must know that we are witnesses and then seek to practice what the witness does.

IX. The Position and Practice of a Sinner Saved by Grace

Ephesians 2, 4

A. Introduction

Perhaps this is where we may have begun our whole series. But it is too late to do that now. Our emphasis has been on what we are and how this should be reflected in our lives. This is still a strong point in our presentation. But in this chapter (Ephesians 2) the great thrust is on the fact of what we were, what we are, and how the latter is changed by the new state of grace. We say with no hesitation that we are "sinners saved by grace." This not only looks to what we were, it also describes what we still are. Believers are not under the bondage of sin or the dominance but the facts and presence of sin are still about them. This is best seen in a full-orbed understanding that sin is anything less than righteous action, anything not marked with faith, any good thing to be done that is undone. With the biblical definition of sin in our minds, we can easily see that we still fail God in many ways. But we are, if we have trusted in Christ, saved. We are sinners saved by grace. Our sin will never be the basis of separation or judgment before God. It is settled via the cross.