***Understanding the letter sent to the church of Ephesus.***

***Series: #2 - We were dead in our sins but now we are alive together with Christ (verse 5).***

***Text:*** *Ephesians 2*

**Theme:** During a conference on World Religions, scholars were debating what belief, if any, was unique to the Christian faith. They agreed that it wasn’t morality, or compassion, or a belief in judgement and an afterlife. Other great religions included those same teachings. The discussion was in full force when the Christian writer C.S. Lewis entered the room. “What’s the rumpus about?” he asked. When they told him, he said, “Oh, that’s easy. It’s grace.”

1. **Without Grace, we would still be dead in our sins.**

* Ephesians 2:1-5
* Revelation 20:13-15
* John 8:44
* Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10

1. **By Grace, we become one body in Christ.**

* Ephesians 2:11-14
* Ephesians 4:18

1. **By Grace, hostility has been removed and we become members of the household of God.**

* Ephesians 2:15-22
* Ephesians 2:10