

Message Notes Last week

Ephesians 2:1-11

DOOM - MERCY - MASTERPIECE

(1) **Doom:** The human race sins – people follow their self-centered interests - and bring the house down on their heads.

2:1 "Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. You used to live like the rest of the world."

Dead means dead to God — From his point of view, dead means you can no longer see - hear - think - and act in response to life around you his way. We do not have the resources to live a changed life. God has a book about how to live but each person basically writes their own book.

(2) **Mercy:** God our Father has had mercy on us and sent Jesus as a man, one of us. He broke us free from our soul killing self-centeredness and its consequences.

2:4 "But God is so rich in mercy, and he loves us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead."

Seated in heavenly places where God lives. Those seated with the King are His Sons and Daughters. That's us! God is not a father who casts out his children who get in trouble.

"His mercy triumphs over judgment."

James 2:13

(3) **Masterpiece:** He makes a masterpiece out of everyone who comes to him. Beautiful and good people whom he shows to the world to give hope to people caught up in the world's rat race. We are God-made men and woman - not self-made. *2:9 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."*

