

1 **In the opening verses of Ephesians 2, Paul describes the state of unbelievers.** How do you think that compares to the way typical non-Christians think of themselves?

 *What reasons have you heard people give for the direction they're going in life? What forces lure or compel people to go in the wrong direction spiritually and convince them to cheerfully remain there with a false confidence that everything is okay?*

 *Look back on your life before you became a Christian and explain how the 3 tyrants of Ephesians 2 were at work in you.*

2 **Our world has lived through the cruelest and most destructive of all centuries, our western civilization has undergone moral disintegration of astonishing kinds, and yet people refuse the biblical concept of God's wrath.** Why do you think the idea of God's wrath is so hard for people to accept?

 *How is Jesus related to God's wrath according to Revelation 6:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 1:10?*

 *How does Romans 1:24, 26, 28 describe the outworking of God's wrath at times? In light of the reality of God's holy wrath, how should believers respond?*

3 **What is the relationship between grace and works according to Ephesians 2:8-10?**

 *Why is a proper understanding of this so important? What aberrations can be seen in many world religions?*

 *Do you ever feel like you need to earn God's favor or grace?*

 *Why do you think it is hard for people to accept God's grace as a free gift? When is it difficult for you to be a recipient of God's grace?*

