

**Series: March for Missions**

**Title: But God:**

**Text: (Eph 2:1-10)**

Vs 1-3 – Our Past [focus on “We ALL” in vs 3]

*Illus: We look back at this time with rose Colored Glasses.*

Vs 4 – Pivotal Verse-With the 2 most powerful words in the Bible!

“But God”

Vs 5-7 – Our Present Condition

Vs 8-9 – How the change was made!

Vs 1 *Hath He Qickened! ~ Made alive!*

Vs 10 – the purpose of the change!

Vs 1-3

Born in sin – But God

Dead in Trespasses and Sins - But God

Walked according to the course of this world – But God

*According to the prince* - Was a Pawn of the Devil - But God

Was a *Child of Disobedience* - But God

*Fulfilling the desires of the flesh* - But God

Wallowed in the Hog pen of the world – But God

Lived by my appetites of Sin - But God

Vs 3 “*were by nature the children of Wrath*” - But God

**Vs 4 BUT GOD!**

Vs 5 I am Alive Spiritually!

Vs 6 Part of me is in Heaven In Christ Now!!!

Vs 7 I was on my way to the opposite of this - But God

Eternity, separate from God

Rom 5:8 I “But God”

*Illus: Two men walked along and they saw a third man in a ragged old coat, obviously hadn't bathed or shaved in a week. The 1<sup>st</sup> man said a better economy would a better coat on that man, the 2<sup>nd</sup> man said true, BUT GOD would put a new man in that coat!*

*What made the difference in the Woman at the well? - BUT GOD*

*What made the difference in Mary Magdeline? - BUT GOD*

*What made the Difference in Saul of Tarsus? - BUT GOD*

*What made the difference in Matthew the tax collector? - BUT GOD*

*What made the difference in the computer tech named John Mix? BUT GOD*

*1 Cor 6:9-11 Such were some of YOU! BUT GOD*

What we all need is **BUT GOD**

*What will make a change in America? BUT GOD*

*What will change your Home? BUT GOD*

*What will change you school? BUT GOD*

*What will change your job? BUT GOD*

*What will change your neighborhood? BUT GOD*

*What will change your Mother in Law? BUT GOD*

**What will transform your enemy into your friend? BUT GOD**

How did He do it? *Quickened us – Made us alive- Vs 8-9*

*Why did He do it? Vs 4*

**Rich in Mercy** - God is a Gagillionaire in Mercy!!!!

**Great Love** – 1 Jn 4:19!!! Duet 7:6-7 He Chose too!

*Jesus loves me this I know*

*I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene*

*I am so glad that my Father in heaven tells of His love in a book He has given*

**WHY? HE LOVES ME!!** *The God of the Universe Loves Me*

*VS 10!! We are His Workmanship. God Don't Make JUNK!!!!!!*

He did it so we can keep the Divine appointments He has set for us!!!

*Illus: God has devine appointments for people who've been lifted from vs 1-3 by Vs 4, because of Vs 8-9 to Do Verse 10!*

**Say it again!**

*Because God loved me, He lifted me from verses 1-3 because of His great love He had for me in Vs 4, to a wonderful new life in Vs 5-7 by the miracle of salvation in Vs 8-9 to keep the Devine Appointments He has set for me in verse 10!*

Look what I used to be, **BUT GOD**-Look what I am now!

Look where I was heading, **BUT GOD**-Look where I am going Now!

**Realize where you got it from and how!**

**Then Rejoice and Praise God for His Marvelous Love!**

**Then Give your Life to keep the Devine Appointments He has set for YOU!**

**What do you mean? He did all that, so I could do this! (SERVE HIM HERE!)**

*Illus: Have you ever misplaced something, only to find it days or weeks later, and remembered all the time you wasted looking for it?*

**You are Not Misplaced by God - He has you here for a reason!**

**He did all this on purpose. We are to fulfill that purpose!**

He did not save us for no reason, We are not saved t sit, but to serve Him!

**He saved you because there is a work for you to do here!**

**There are souls you are to reach here, in this part of His Vineyard!**

**There are Christians to be disciple here, in this part of His Vineyard, by You**

**There are miracles to be prayed down, for His Glory, By YOU!**

**Are WE fulfilling God's purposes for us?**

*(LK 2:49) wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*

**Do you believe you were saved to fulfill your desires or HIS? Let's get to it!**