## **5 Essential Ingredients: THE GOSPEL – Ephesians 2:1-10**

The first essential ingredient of a growing relationship with God is a genuine experience of the saving <u>grace</u> of God in Christ.

This grace comes to sinners who are spiritually <u>dead</u> and completely unable to save ourselves.

We are saved by grace through faith and all of this is the <u>gift</u> of God.

Our salvation is <u>NOT</u> a result of good works but it <u>DOES</u> result in good works.

## **Questions for Discussion & Application**

- 1. What questions do you have from today's passage?
- 2. What does it mean to be spiritually dead?
- 3. Why is grace absolutely essential to a growing relationship with God?
- 4. What are some reasons why it is important that we hear and proclaim the gospel of grace over and over again?
- 5. What will happen if we are sincerely religious but have never known or experienced the grace of God in Christ?
- 6. What might happen if we have known and experienced God's grace in Christ but begin to forget about the grace of God? What will help us to remember God's grace?
- 7. How can you share your own experience of God's grace with someone this week?