

# The Pillar

DVPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*Standing firm in the strength of His might*



## *Kinged Bible Study: Ephesians*

Week 3— verses 2:1-10

At first read of the opening verses of Ephesians 2, you might be ready to throw the book out the window and say, "I'm horrible! What's the point of even trying?!" BUT GOD.... those two words hold out so much hope. Paul begins this chapter with stating our condition before grace intervened: DEAD. Think about what dead stuff can do....absolutely nothing! If God had not reached down and rescued us from that condition, our lives would be so much different.

As we approach the Christmas season and meditate on the incarnation of Christ, we can't help but rejoice in the greatest Gift given. Look at what we *were*, where we were headed, what God did for us in Christ, and the glorious richness we now have!



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*Please continue to pray for and send a word of encouragement to the many in our congregation who have lost loved ones and friends during this past year.*

## Testimony Corner: Sharon Farris



*I Wonder . . .*

*As the Christmas season is upon us and we look forward to celebrating the birth of our dear Lord Jesus, I wonder. I wonder what are some of your favorite Christmas memories? I ponder things and I wonder if you ponder as I do?*

*One of my favorite memories of Christmas as a child was that each Christmas Eve, Mother would tuck me into bed and light a candle for me to watch until I fell asleep. Now it wasn't just a plain stick candle! Oh no! Do you remember the "character kind of candles? Some years it may be the snowman, one year I believe it was Santa Clause. Usually, it was a caroler with a sweet angelic face. After she lit the candle and went downstairs, I was so full of thoughts and wonders! What would be under the tree come morning? I could always count on there being "a little something".*

*Now that I'm older (and I hope wiser), I still wonder - not about the gifts under the tree - but about the miracle of the birth of the Christ Child. A scripture passage that we are so familiar with, Luke 2:16-20 talks about wondering and pondering. "And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it **wondered** at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, **pondering** them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."*

*"I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus my Saviour did come for to die.  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I . . .  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherd and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wings,  
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,  
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.*

*I Wonder . . .*