

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Point of the passage – Paul elaborates the theme of Salvation, the process, and the plan.

Made Alive in Christ - What you were, are and will be.

PAST

1. *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins*
 - Why were we dead?
 - Were we born dead?
 - Colossians 2:13
 - John 5:24
 - Ephesians 1:7
 - Psalm 103:12

2. *in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*
 - What is the course of this world?
 - Who is this “prince of the power of the air”?
 - Does he still exist and is he still doing his work?
 - Who are the sons of disobedience?
 - Isaiah 9:2
 - 1 John 1:6
 - 1 John 2:11
 - Isaiah 50:10

3. *Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*
 - What is the “lust of our own flesh”?
 - Why did we indulge in the flesh and mind?
 - Who are “children of wrath”?
 - Philippians 1:22
 - Philippians 3:4
 - Romans 7:5
 - Romans 8:8

PRESENT

4. *But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us*
 - Why is God rich in mercy?
 - Why is our God a good God?
 - What makes his love for us so great?
 - Psalm 136:1-3
 - Romans 5:8

- Ephesians 5:2
- 2 Corinthians 5:14

5. *even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)*

- How did we know we were dead?
- What caused us to be made alive?
- Does only grace save us?
 - 2 Corinthians 2:16
 - Romans 8:6
 - Proverbs 14:27
 - 1 John 3:14

6. *and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*

- How are we raised with Christ? (Was he “dead in trespasses too”?)
- Where will we sit?
- Where are these heavenly places?
 - Ephesians 1:20-21
 - Colossians 3:1
 - Mark 14:62

FUTURE

7. *so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

- When are the “ages to come”?
- Is this a continual show of grace towards us?
- Who is HE? And why “in Christ”?

8. *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God*

- How are we saved by grace through faith?
- Doesn't faith take an act of yourself? (why not of yourself?)
- Why doesn't God give everyone this gift?

9. *not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

- If the “gift” is not of works, how does God know we want the gift?
- So if the gift was given by works, boasting would be ok?
- Why can't we boast about this gift?

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10. *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

- Why are we his workmanship? What does that mean?
- Were we created for good works only?
- When did God prepare this outcome?
- Who is "them"? (so that we would walk in them)