

## Ephesians 2:7-22

### Verse 8:

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (Ephesians 2:8 ESV)*

### Grace

It means undeserved favor.

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23 ESV)*

We deserve nothing but punishment from God but God loved us and made a way.

Salvation has already been accomplished.

### Verse 9:

*not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:9 ESV)*

Not of works

*The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' (Luke 18:11-12 ESV)*

Salvation is all of God, the only thing we bring to salvation is our sin.

Our salvation is a gift from a kind and loving God and we do not deserve it.

### Verse 10:

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10 ESV)*

Workmanship- believers, we have been created twice.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV)*

*so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:7 ESV)*

Not only are we God's masterpieces, we are to be about good works.

Good works do not save us, but there is something radically wrong if salvation does not produce good works.

#### **Verse 11:**

*Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— (Ephesians 2:11 ESV)*

Talking about the alienation between Jewish people and Gentiles.

#### **Verse 12:**

*remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. (Ephesians 2:12 ESV)*

1) No hope for a Messiah

2) Not a citizen of Israel

*But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16 ESV)*

3) Strangers to the covenants

4) Without hope, without God

#### **Verse 13:**

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13 ESV)*

"But now" - God did something about the hopelessness.

### Verses 14-15:

*For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility<sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,  
(Ephesians 2:14-15 ESV)*

This word “peace” in verse 14 means “wellbeing”.

#### How did he do it?

- 1) He broke down the walls  
*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28 ESV)*
- 2) He abolished the law
- 3) He created a new humanity

### Verses 16-17:

*and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.  
(Ephesians 2:16 ESV)*

- 4) He reconciled us

*And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. (Ephesians 2:17 ESV)*

### Verse 18:

*For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. (Ephesians 2:18 ESV)*

- 5) He gave us access

Paul will now give us three pictures of what that third race looks like:

**Verse 19:**

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, (Ephesians 2:19 ESV)*

A) God's city

- a. Now we have a common language.
- b. Now we have a common history.
- c. Now we have a common allegiance.
- d. Now we have a common goal.
- e. Now we have a common destination.

B) God's household

- a. It means we are God's children.  
*And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (Galatians 4:6 ESV)*
- b. We are a part of God's family.
- c. We are a part of God's temple.

**Verse 20:**

*built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, (Ephesians 2:20 ESV)*

The foundation- Apostles, Prophets

The cornerstone had been a prophetic term used in the Old Testament for the Messiah.

*therefore thus says the Lord God,  
"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,  
a stone, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:  
'Whoever believes will not be in haste.' (Isaiah 28:16 ESV)*

A cornerstone in a building determined the stability of the foundation and the character of the entire building.

See this third race is not built on the way we think it should go- it is built on the rock, Jesus Christ, the cornerstone.

**Verses 21-22:**

*in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*  
(Ephesians **2:21-22** ESV)

We are the stones of this new temple.

We are being fit together.