

By Grace You Have Been Saved

Ephesians 2:1-10

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¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Table Discussion Questions:

1. What is the practical difference between believing that people are by nature children of wrath who sin because they are sinners (v.1-3) vs. believing that people are sinners because they sin?
2. How is Paul's "God-centeredness" (v. 4-7) in this passage significant for understanding ourselves and our relationship to God?
3. How do you imagine the "coming ages" (v. 7) when all who are in Christ will enjoy the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus?
4. How would you retell this glorious message of the gospel that Paul shares in your own words for your own context?
5. Why do you think Paul so frequently emphasizes that our salvation is not because of our works (v.5, 8, 9)?
6. What is a "good work" (v.10) you feel that God has been preparing for you, which you have not yet fully lived out?