

GRACE CHANGED IT ALL

Ephesians 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION: In the next portion of this letter, the Apostle Paul addresses the old person we once were and the darkness we once lived by. He then goes on to give one the most important messages regarding how we became a new person through the merciful and gracious work of the Lord. He then concludes by stating who we are in the hands of God.

I. BEFORE CHRIST WE WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD *vv. 1-3*

A. We were alive physically, but spiritually we were separated from God.

1. This was the result of trespasses, which refers to wrongly stepping over a God-established boundary. *v. 1*
2. Sin, encompasses trespasses, but it is also knowing the right thing to do, but we simply fail to do it. *James 4:17*
3. To clarify, all trespasses are sin, but not all sins are trespasses.

B. We were led astray by varying influences. *v. 2*

1. People will naturally follow the course of this world and the culture in which they live. *2 Corinthians 4:4*
2. Satan is known as the prince of the power of the air who leads people astray.
3. The desires of our body and mind once led the way for our actions. *v. 3*

C. This led to our identity as being children of wrath.

1. As children of wrath, we were destined to receive the inheritance of wrath which is eternal damnation.
2. We were like the rest of mankind, living our lives apart from God.
3. Identity apart from Christ can manifest in numerous ways.

II. BY GRACE AND FAITH WE WERE MADE ALIVE *vv.4-7*

A. As Paul, begins this section on who we are now, it all begins with the goodness of God.

1. God is abundantly rich in mercy toward us. *v.4, 2 Peter 3:9*
2. His incredible love for us was ultimately demonstrated through the sending of His son.
3. God's mercy and love for us were extended, even while we were children of wrath. *Romans 5:8*

B. Because of His goodness, we are brought into a new realm.

1. Just as Christ is made alive, we are made alive with Him. *v.5, John 5:25*
2. And as Christ is now seated with God, we are positionally seated with Him. *vv.5-6, Romans 6:6, Luke 10:19-20*
3. The abundance of His grace is shown to us now and forever. *v.7*

C. This new position is all because of His grace and our faith in Him. *vv.8-9*

1. All we had to do was simply believe in what He had done for us.

2. It was not something we could earn by our own efforts.
3. No one can ever boast about all the things they have done in order to get into heaven. v.9

III. WE ARE NOW THE MASTERFUL WORK OF GOD v.10

A. God is crafting us into something amazing.

1. The moment we said yes to Jesus, God started working on us.
Philippian 1:6
2. “Workmanship” comes from the Greek word poiēma, meaning something that is to be crafted such as a work of art.
3. This is a reminder that we are to allow Him to do the work. *Isaiah 64:8*

B. His masterpiece is designed to be put on display. v.10

1. He’s not working on us to hide us away somewhere. *Matthew 5:14-15*
2. He’s shaping us so that we might do good works, which was always meant for public display. *Matthew 5:16*
3. God is shaping you so that the miracle working power of the Holy Spirit will flow through you.
John 14:12

C. When God started His work in us, He already had the end in mind.
v.10

1. This “end in mind” is revealed through the calling God has placed on our lives. *John 15:16*
2. Even if we walk away from it, God will still draw us by His spirit back to the potter’s wheel. *Romans 11:29*
3. The best thing we can do is surrender to Him and walk in His plan for our lives. *Romans 12:1*

CONCLUSION: Ephesians 2:1–10 outlines our profound journey from spiritual death to divine purpose. Once trapped in sin as children of wrath, God’s rich mercy intervened to save us by grace through faith alone. We are now His masterful workmanship—living masterpieces rescued and reshaped by the ultimate Potter. Ultimately, this life-changing grace calls us to fully surrender and walk confidently in the good works He uniquely prepared for us.