

Ephesians 2:1-10 (pt. 2)

Created For Good Works

What does it mean that we have been “saved by grace”?

- God loved us when we hated and disobeyed him (v.4)
- God gave life to us when we were dead (v.5).
- God saved us when we trusted in Jesus not because we did anything (vv.8-9)
- God took us from following Satan and made us one with Christ (v.6)
- God freed us from slavery to sin and selfishness
- God showed mercy to us when we deserved wrath (v.4)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 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—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.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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1. We are the product of God's work

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself... “

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

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2. God created us to do good works

Q. According to Ephesians 4-6, what are good works?

1. Love for God AND love for other people
2. Religious acts toward God AND also usefulness in the world

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2. God created us to do good works
3. God prepared our good works in advance

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- they are the fruit, not the foundation of our salvation.

Every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Matthew 7:17-23

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- they are the fruit, not the foundation of our salvation.
- they mark our direction, but not our perfection.