

GOD'S WORKMANSHIP.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: Eph. 2:1-10.

B. Regarding the text:

1. At one time or another we all have been out-of-step with God.
2. This passage helps us understand our journey of hope.

I. WHAT WE WERE (2:1-3).

A. Vs. 1 Sinners are separated from God (1 Tim. 5:6).

1. Trespasses: Deviation from truth/uprightness (Gal. 6:1).
2. Sins: Lawless (1 John 3:4).

B. Vs. 2 Sinners enslaved by the world.

1. **Walked:** Lived for the pleasures (Col. 3:7)
2. **Course:** The way that one walks (Phil 3:18).
 - 1) Controlled by flesh rather than Spirit. (Gal. 5:16, 19-21).
 - 2) Course of Demas (2 Tim. 4:10; 1 John 2:15-17).
3. Sinners empowered by Satan (v. 2; John 8:44; 1 John 5:19).

C. Vs. 3 Were the children of wrath.

1. All: Jew & Gentile alike. (Rom. 3:9, 23).
2. The mind: Sin begins with our thoughts/minds (Prov. 4:23; Matt. 15:19).

II. WHAT GOD DID (2:4-9).

A. Vs. 4 "But God" Some of the greatest words in the Bible.

1. The contrast of lifestyle. You were – **BUT** God.
2. God's great compassion provided the way to change (Heb. 4:16).
3. His great love: Acted in our interest — "even when were dead ..." (Rom. 5:8).

B. Vss. 5-7 Raised us up:

1. **Vs. 5:** From spiritual death (Col. 2:12-13).
2. **Vs. 6:** To sit with Christ in heavenly places; in the kingdom (Col. 3:1-2).
3. **Vs. 7:** To show exceeding riches of His grace in ages to come.

C. Vs. 8 Saved us by His grace through faith. Not by grace or faith alone.

1. "That not of yourselves..." The plan is not from man.
2. "Not of works..." What kind of works is in this discussion?
 - 1) Those of merit or own invention (Titus 3:5).
 - 2) Works of obedience do not nullify grace (Acts 10:34-35; Heb. 5:9).

III. WHAT WE ARE NOW (2:10).

A. His workmanship, His product. A sinner, washed, made new (2 Cor. 5:17).

B. Created unto good works: Purpose for creation (Phil. 2:12-13).

1. God before ordained "before made ready." God had a plan (Gen. 3:15; Eph. 1:4).
2. His standard of good works, not ours. (2 Tim. 4:16-17).
3. "Walk in them..." Those things that are ordained of God (Gal. 5:25; Rom. 8:1).
Make those things your only guide in life.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Have we become His workmanship?

B. If not, He stands knocking at our door.

C. Will we open the door (Rev. 3:20)?