

EPHESIANS

PART OF SOMETHING BIG



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GOD'S GRACE FROM BEGINNING TO END

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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Seeing the bigger picture of God's grace in salvation,
from before the foundation of the world to the coming ages,
empowers us to do the good works that He has for us to do
today.

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- What it is not:
 - An impersonal force – luck, fortune, fate, or karma
 - A reward
 - A loan

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“By Faith”

- By God's undeserved kindness toward us
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- Though trusting in God's action on our behalf - faith

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Ephesians 2:1, 4-5

¹ You were dead. In the trespasses and sins in which you once walked... 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...



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A black t-shirt is centered against a white background. The text "I save dead people" is printed in white on the chest, with "-God" printed below it.

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Ephesians 1:3-4

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 2:7

⁶ and (God being rich in mercy) 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.**

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Genesis 3:4-5

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil...”

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...and He loves me

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Works **He prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them

Jeremiah 31:33

33 ...I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes...

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- It's giving, doing, speaking, listening, everything...
- To the Praise of His Glorious Grace!

Walking in Good Works This Week

- Look in
- Look out
- Pray for opportunities
- Praise God for His goodness in salvation!