

Bible Study - Ephesians 2:1-10

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1. Have you ever thought of yourself as a masterpiece?

Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we are a masterpiece!

2. In verse 4 we read “But God”, what do you think that means?

“But” is one of the most important words in the Bible. Paul is using the word here to contrast our former dead way of life (trapped in sin) with our new life in Christ. God is merciful and did not want to leave us in a life that will lead to death, so he sent his Son Jesus to save us. By grace Jesus saved us and gave us the ability to say no to sin and live a life that is righteous.

3. What is one area of your life that God has helped you to change since you accepted Him as Lord of your life?

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4. What is God’s motivation for saving us?

God saved us because he loves us. Love is his character and his nature – he loves us and wants us to be part of his family.

5. What does it mean to be saved by grace?

Grace means that God gives us something which we do not deserve – salvation. It cannot be earned and it cannot be paid back. Our sins mean we deserve judgement, but God gave us something much better – eternal life! It is a gift from God.

6. What does it mean to be “made alive”?

Before we accepted Jesus, we were on a road that leads to death but because of God's gift in Jesus, we have eternal life. We are headed home to heaven and so we are truly alive.

7. If good deeds cannot save us because salvation is a gift from God, why should we do them?

God created us with unique gifts and talents, and he wants us to use them build his kingdom. These gifts we have show who God is and when we use them for Him, they point to Him.

8. What does it mean to be God's masterpiece?

So often people talk about making themselves better by working hard and improving themselves. Without God, this will not make us more spiritual, in fact it can make things worse. The love of God not only saves us but also changes us.

God saves us not only from his judgement that we deserve but also to make something beautiful of us. We are his workmanship a masterpiece. We are God's "work of art".

9. Reflect on Psalm 139:7-18, what is one thing that God is saying to you as you read it and think about being His masterpiece?

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