

Sermon: Grace Works.
Series: Grace Gives.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10.
Date: June 7, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How are we described before Christ? How does this describe our need to be saved from ourselves, from Satan, and from God?

b) We said that Ephesians 2:8-10 helps us fight against both legalism (works with no grace) and "cheap grace" (grace with no works). Do you tend to lean towards legalism (earning) or cheap grace (no effort) in your Christian life?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read 2:4-7. But God. How do these two words reveal both the nature of God and the entire story of the Bible? How might this change how you approach God in times of struggle or failure?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How would you explain the relationship between grace and faith in our salvation?

b) Why is it only grace that can truly motivate our good works? Think about Eph. 2:10. What part of this verse is grace? What part is faith? From this verse, how is God's grace empowering our good works?

APPLICATION

a) God has prepared our good works for us, yet we don't know exactly what they are until we are doing them. As we walk in faith, God will reveal the good works to us as we go. Where can you see God revealing the good works he has prepared for you as you walk in faith through life?

b) Jesus' ultimate good work was the cross which resurrects us into the new creation. How do our good works point to the cross and/or the new creation? Think about Grace Gives (or any other ministry). How do these good works specifically point to the cross or the new creation?

PRAYER

- Praise God for the "but God" that has changed our standing with him.
- Confess ways you have tried to do good works apart from faith in God's grace.
- Thank Jesus for accomplishing all the good works required by God for us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into the good works that he has prepared for you.