

Teaching Outline

Series: God's Holy People
God's Masterpiece

Eph 2:1-10 (NLT) Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. ⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. ⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

God has the power to raise Jesus from the dead and He has the power to “_____” us from the “_____” too!

a “walk” = a manner of *continued behavior*, a lifestyle.
Under God's wrath = God is angry that _____ came into His creation and _____ Him from His people.

We had as little ability to relate to God, *as we would have if we had actually been dead.*

We are _____ of God's grace.

Although God gives us faith, *God does not and will not exercise faith for us.*

Saved = an accomplished _____ with continuing _____.

Workmanship = something brought into _____ by an artisan.

We are simply being given the opportunity *to be restored to our original purpose.*

Next Steps:

- **For reflection this week:** Although once dead, by God's grace we are made alive and now commissioned to carry out His will on earth as it is done in heaven.

Closing Song: Amazing Love, *by Newsboys*