

GOD'S MASTERPIECE OF GRACE
(EPHESIANS 2:8-11)

I. RECOGNIZE GOD'S GRACE AND WORK DISPLAYED IN BELIEVERS THROUGH SALVATION FOR HIS GLORY.

A. God's GRACE DISPLAYED in the Believer's PAST SALVATION Apart from Good Works. (Eph. 2:8-9)

1. This section gives us the _____ of why we are a _____ of God's exceeding riches of His grace.

2. The REALITY of the believer's testimony is that we, "_____."

- What do we need to see about this salvation?
 - a. Paul is talking about _____.
 - b. _____ performed the work of our past salvation.
 - c. Our salvation is a _____ reality for all believers in Christ.
- Can the permanent reality of our salvation be seen in other scripture?
- Why is the reality of our salvation important?

3. The BASIS of our salvation is _____.

- What is grace?
- Why is God's grace important?

4. The MEANS of receiving our salvation is through _____ in Jesus Christ not by our _____.

- What is faith?
- Is faith a work?
- What are "works?"
- What does this mean to you?

5. The NATURE of our salvation is that it is a _____ to us and not our works.

- Two contrasts are given regarding our salvation.
 - a. Our salvation is _____ of yourself nor of your _____.
 - b. Our salvation is a _____ of God.
- The purpose of our gift is so _____!
- Why couldn't grace or faith be the gift of God as some teachers teach?

*** Point to Remember: Our testimony of God's exceeding riches of His grace is based upon the fact that we have _____ the gift of salvation by _____.**

B. God's WORK DISPLAYED in the Believer's PRESENT SANCTIFICATION as Demonstrated by Good Works. (Eph. 2:10)

1. _____ are God's _____.

- What do we need to know about God's workmanship?
 - a. The word "workmanship" refers to something made _____; like a masterpiece or a work of art.
 - b. This masterpiece involves _____ in Christ, who are _____ saved by grace.
 - c. Believers are _____ God's masterpiece.
- Why is this important?

2. The FOUNDATION of God's Masterpiece is _____.

- What does this mean for the believer?

3. The GOAL of God's Masterpiece is to BRING _____ TO HIM through _____ which in turn God later uses to reward the Saint at the Bema seat of Christ.

- What are good works? Good works are acts, deeds, or accomplishments which are _____ by the _____ of God through the believer according to _____ will as the believer walks by _____ and _____ to God for His glory.
- Are good works necessary for salvation as some teachers believe and teach?
- What can the believer receive from a life of good works?

4. The WORKS of God's Masterpiece have been settled since before the _____ of the world.

- What does this mean to the believer?

5. The OBJECTIVE for God's Masterpiece is that we _____ "in good works.

- What is significant about our walk in good works?
 - a. The word "should" reminds believers that this is God's _____ but it is not _____.
 - b. The word "walk" indicates to us that this is a course of _____ we are to follow.

* Point to Remember: We are God's masterpiece being formed in _____ for the _____ of good works to the _____ and _____ of God.

What does this mean to you?