

# Chosen in Grace

Masterpiece – Ephesians 2:1-10

## A Work of Art

Do you know that you are God's masterpiece?



## Distanced & Damaged

*"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins... gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath."*

Ephesians 2:1-3

## Restored Glory

*"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved... **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith** – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast."*

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9

We are saved by grace through faith for good works.

When we repent of our sins, God's masterpiece can be restored.

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Questions based on Sermon from May 7, 2023

**Getting to Know Me –**

1. What excited you most about worshipping at the lake as one church family this weekend?
2. Have you ever seen a great piece of art in person? What was your experience?

**Digging Deeper**

3. Did worshipping outdoors in the beauty of God's creation enhance your experience of God? Read Romans 1:19-20. What can we know of God through his creation?
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Verses 1-3 tell us about our state before Jesus. Before God's intervention, what three influences dominated our lives?
5. Note the "wrath" of God in verse 3 is immediately contrasted in verse 4 with the "love" of God. What is the significance of that little word "but" in verse 4? How does the knowledge of our fallen condition make us more grateful for what God has done for us?
6. In verses 5 and 6, what are the three verbs Paul uses to describe exactly what happens to us when we are "with Christ"? What images come to mind when you think about these actions?

7. According to Acts 3:19, what is required to be saved by grace through faith?
8. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we have been created in Christ Jesus and that we are His workmanship... his masterpiece. What are the unique characteristics of a masterpiece? When you think of yourself as God's masterpiece, does it affect the way you view your relationship with him?
9. Share an experience when you felt like you had ruined your life beyond repair (defaced God's masterpiece) and how God restored you.
10. It is easy for us to be consumed with wanting to know God's will and purpose for our lives. These verses tell us what we have been created *for*. What does verse 10 tell us we were made for?

**Where Do I Go From Here?**

11. Memorize Ephesians 2:8-10 this week and internalize these beautiful truths.
12. We are God's workmanship and this world should be able to look at us and know that we are His. List some things in your life that you want to be evidences to the world around you that you belong to God.

**Close in Prayer**

Pray and thank God for his gift of salvation. Pray that He would give you a renewed gratitude for salvation and a desire to live out the calling to serve Him.