



## Dig Deeper into Eph 2:1-10 for personal study and Life Groups...

### The Bad News (v1-3)




#### Without Jesus we are dead!

- Following the world (v2)
- Following the devil (v2)
- Following the "flesh"= self (v3)
- Deserving anger (v3)





  



### The Good News (v4-10)

#### God makes us alive with Jesus!

- It is a free gift "grace" x3
- It comes through faith (v8)
- Not by our hard work (v8)
- We are God's masterpiece (v10)

  
  
BE WHO YOU ARE!

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

**This will be a familiar passage to some. Here's a chance to dig deeper...**

1. Remember that this passage is written to believers. Why not start by using one of the prayers in Ephesians to pray for a greater understanding of the privileges we have in Christ (Eph 1:15-23 & 3:14-21)
2. How do you think this section fits into the theme and the flow of the book as a whole?
3. How do you find the language in v1-3? How would you respond to someone who says that Paul is using overexaggerated language in v1-3 to make us feel bad?
4. What will be the different effects in our lives when we grasp the absolute powerlessness that a person has to become a believer?
5. How has what has happened to Jesus happened to the believer (v4-8)?
6. What is Paul emphasising in v4-8 and why do you think it is so important for the Ephesians and us to grasp it? What difference does it make that even faith is a gift?
7. How do you think your life would change if you had more of a sense that you are God's masterpiece (v10), and that God has good works prepared in advance for you?
8. How do you find yourself beginning to place confidence in your works again rather than Christ's work? How does this passage help you?

**In the coming ages (v7) God will be showcasing his amazing grace. Why not start praising God for it now!**

### A couple of resources...

- The song we listened to on Sunday... **"God's Masterpiece"** by Randall Goodgame.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfFyRBxvRpI>
- **Amazing Grace.** A nice version of the Hymn  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDdvReNKKuk>