



Purpose Sent

Ephesians 2:1-10 brings us from the “top-of-the-mountain” view of God’s blessings in Ephesians 1 down to the everyday ground where we actually live out our faith. Paul reminds us that we were once dead in sin and then lifts our eyes to where we now sit with Christ in the heavenly realms. The passage teaches that we are not only rescued by grace but also recreated for a purpose. As God’s handiwork, each of us is called to actively develop and step into the good works He has prepared for us.

- How do you feel about your purpose in life? Do you have a clear sense of your purpose, or does it feel murky?
- Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How does this description deepen your understanding of the grace and the spiritual change God brings about?
- Read 2:4-6. What do the verbs “made alive,” “raised,” and “seated with Christ” tell you about the present reality of your relationship with Jesus?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Why do you think Paul stresses “by grace... through faith... not by works” so strongly before talking about good works in verse 10?
- What is your daily strategy to turn your thoughts and desires towards the things of God? What practice might you want to try? (Consider these examples: Prayer, Memorizing Scripture, Fasting, Silence, and Solitude)
- What does it mean that you are saved not by good works but for good works? How do you live that out practically?
- What good work is God preparing for you today? What are some things God is putting on your heart? What are you already doing?

Praying together

Take a moment to pair up with an individual from your group of the same gender. Pray specifically for each other's purpose.

