



## **Grace has got you covered**

Ephesians 2:1-10

Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone

Transformation is by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone

Everything in the Christian life is by grace through faith

### **I. Understanding the passage**

2:1-3

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup>You 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. <sup>3</sup>All 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.

2:4-6

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that 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!) <sup>6</sup> For 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.

2:7-10

<sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For 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.

## **II. Application to Living God's Best Life**

1. God's grace is always greater than our sin or need
2. Grace is behind us, around us, in front of us and available to us
3. Grace inspires action, empowers good works and produces fruit
4. God has good works already prepared for us to do

Every person here needs to respond to God's grace by either putting your faith in Christ for the first time or today stepping into the good works God has prepared for you to do