

We are God's Workmanship

Ephesians 2:1-22

Key Verse: 2:10

1. Read verses 1-3. What was our condition when we lived without God? What are transgressions and sins? (1Jn 3:4; Ro 3:10-12,23; 5:12-14) What does it mean to be dead in sins? (Isa 59:2) What are the "ways of this world?" Who is the ruler of the kingdom of the air? What are the consequences of sin? (Ro 1:18; 2:8)

2. Read verses 4-7. What did God do for us when we were dead in sin? Why? How has God shown us his great love, his rich mercy, his kindness? What is grace? What does it mean to be with Christ? (6;1:20)

3. Read verses 8-9. What does it mean that we are saved by grace alone, through faith? Why can't we save ourselves? (Ro 3:20) Why do we have nothing to boast about? (Ro 3:27,28)

4. Read verse 10. What does it mean that we are God's workmanship? What does it mean that he created us in Christ Jesus to do good works? That he prepared them advance for us to do?

5. Read verses 11-13. What was the situation of the Gentiles before they came to Christ? How were they regarded by God's chosen people, the Jews? What blessings has God given them (us) through the blood of Christ?

6. Read verses 14-18. How has Christ become our peace? How did he bring people of such different backgrounds--like Jews and Gentiles--together? How is he doing this today? What is his purpose in doing this?

7. How does God destroy the wall of hostility between people? What does it mean that we have access to the Father by one Spirit? What does it mean to be one in Christ?

8. Read verses 19-22. What is the foundation of the Christian Church? What does this mean? What is its Cornerstone? What is the building? What does it mean that God dwells in the midst of his people?