

## Ephesians 2:1-10

1. Even though you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2. in which you lived, according to the standard of this world, according to the ruler of the domain of the air – the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience 3. We all also, once behaved in this way, in the desires of our flesh, doing the will of the sinful nature and [this] way of thinking. And just like the rest, we also were, by nature, children of wrath.

4. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His profound love, with which He loved us, 5. even though we also were dead in transgressions, He made us alive with Christ – by grace you have been saved. 6. And He raised us up with [Christ] and He sat us with [Christ] in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7. in order that He would show the extraordinary riches of His grace in the coming ages in His goodness to us in Christ Jesus.

8. For by grace you are completely saved, through faith; and this is not from you; it is the gift of God, 9. It is not from works, so that no one can boast. 10. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God prepared beforehand, so that we may walk in them.

### Expanded translation:

And concerning you, you were dead because of your transgressions and sins; you once lived your life in and under their influence conforming to the standard of this worldly age and conforming to the standard of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, who is the one now working in the sons of disobedience; We all also once conducted ourselves in and under their influence, in the influence of the lusts of our flesh by doing the will of our sinful nature and thoughts and we were children, by nature, of wrath, just like everyone else; but God, because he is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, and even though we were dead because of our transgressions, he made us alive with Christ- by grace you have been completely saved with the present result that you are saved- and he raised us up (with Christ) and he seated us (with Christ) in the heavenly realms in complete identification with Jesus Christ; God's ultimate objective in doing this is that he will demonstrate the extraordinary superabundance of his grace in the coming age by his kindness to us in Jesus Christ. The reason for this is that: by grace you have been completely saved with the present result that you are saved using faith as the way in which he saved you; and this salvation does not have its source in you, it is the gift of God, not because of works; the result of this is that no one can boast. Another reason is that we are God's workmanship, having been created in identification with Jesus Christ for the purpose of good works which God prepared beforehand with the intent that we would live a lifestyle doing them.