

## Ephesians 2:1-10

- 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,  
2:2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.  
2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.  
2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,  
2:5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),  
2:6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,  
2:7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;  
2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.  
2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

## Questions Ephesians 2:1-10

Having stressed the importance of the blessings of God for all those chosen in Him, Paul now emphasizes the pre-saved condition of man. This passage is one of tremendous contrast as the Apostle Paul, against the bleak backdrop of the pre-saved condition of the Ephesians, describes in vivid color the incredible God who nonetheless effected their salvation.

In answering the following questions, you may also want to look at also Colossians 1:21-22, Colossians 2:13, Romans 1:18-31, and Romans 3:9-27.

1. What is pre-saved condition of the Ephesians, and by extension all mankind? (vs. 1-3)  
Note what influenced the Ephesians and what direction they were headed.
2. How did God respond to that condition? (vs. 4-7) What were God's motives? What were His actions? What was God's purpose? (Note the similarity between Paul's description of what God did for Christ 1:19-21 and his description of what God did for us in this passage.)
3. What is the nature of salvation? (vs. 8-10) How does it come about? From whom does it originate?
4. What are the implications of this passage?