

God's New People.

Ephesians studies **New Purpose**



Key verse: Ephesians 2:10.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Big Idea: Knowing we are saved is the Christian starting and staying point for kingdom service.

Kick Off

Why should I? What's in it for me? When it comes to doing things these are the questions we tend to ask before signing up to work. Do you think the same questions are relevant to ask when doing Christian service? Why/why not?

STUDY

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

1. In vv 1-3 outline the condition of the whole human race.

Under what influences are people living?

How are people behaving?

How does God view people?

2. In vv 4-5 there is hope in spite of the grave judgment we face.

What is the source of our hope?

When are we made alive?

Why is it 'God's grace' and not 'our works' that save us?

3. In vv 6-7 we are told things about us and Jesus that are amazing.

Who has God raised up, us or Christ?

Where are we currently seated, in our chairs, or in the heavenly realms?

What have we got to look forward to in the future?

4. In vv8-10 we are shown how we are to respond to God's free gift given to us in Jesus.

Salvation is attributed to grace and not works for the second time, why the double up?

What are we created for?

What 'prepared earlier' good works are you enjoying fulfilling at the moment?

THINK AND APPLY

This passage neatly covers the whole gospel message... we are rebellious, God sent Jesus to rescue us, the resurrection is our evidence and hope of eternal life and our gospel response as saved people is to serve in obedience.

What does this gospel message teach us:

- About God?
- About ourselves?
- About other people?

PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



**For next week
Read Ephesians
2:11-3:21.**