

## For reflection and discussion

1. Paul is clear in his teaching that every person is in need of God's grace and transforming power. While sin might manifest itself differently in each of our lives, we are all sinners in need of grace and forgiveness. Take time right now to humble yourself before God, confess your sin, and ask for forgiveness and commit your life to Jesus Christ. Tell someone that you have taken this step of commitment.
2. Paul talks about the "cravings" and "desires" and "thoughts" that come from our sinful natures (verse 3). Reflect on how these things show-up in your life. In what areas of life do your struggle most? Are you willing to share with someone the ways in which you struggle? Why not ask someone to pray for you and help hold you accountable?
3. Paul is clear that our salvation does not come through good works (verses 8-9). But he is also clear (verse 10) that our salvation must lead us to good works. James also wrestles with the relationship between faith and works in his New Testament letter. How do you understand the relationship between faith and works? Are you clear in your understanding that a new life from God always leads to a new lifestyle for God? In what ways has your life changed and is your life changing because of God's grace and transforming life at work in you? Do others see any difference in your life? What spiritual disciplines are you developing to help in your life transformation?

## Changed Life

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Ephesians 2:1 – 10 (church Bible page 827)

### 1. All \_\_\_\_\_

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

Ephesians 2:1-3

2. All \_\_\_\_\_

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:4-9

3. All \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ephesians 2:10