

By Nature vs. By Grace

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

## I. Human Condition: *By Nature* (2:1-3)

### A. We were **dead** (vv. 1-2a)

- Ephesians 4:18 – *alienated from the life of God*  
Spiritual death is being spiritually separated from God
- trespasses: Gr. *paraptōma* – false step; to slip or fall or go the wrong direction
- sins: Gr. *hamartia* – missing of the mark or target, a falling short of a standard.

In this context, sin is **missing God's target (i.e., His glory!)**

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B. We were **enslaved** by the:

- world – *following the course of this world* (v. 2)
- devil – *following the prince of the power of the air* (v. 2)
- flesh – *lived in the passions of our flesh* (v. 3a)

C. We were **condemned** (v. 3b):

*by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind*

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We were spiritually dead ... enslaved ... condemned ...

**But God!**



## II. Divine Compassion: *By Grace* (2:4-10)

### A. God saved us (vv. 4-7)

- *made us alive* together with Christ → Resurrection
- *raised us* up with Him → Ascension
- *seated us* with Him → Session  
(Christ)

Why did God save us??

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### A. God saved us (vv. 4-7)

God saved us because of His:

- Rich **mercy**
- Great **love**
- Amazing **grace**

Also, to show the *immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus*

(Eph. 1:19 – *immeasurable greatness of His power*)

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### B. Salvation is *by grace through faith*

- Gift of God (v. 8)
- Not a result of works (v. 9)

### C. *We are His workmanship*

- workmanship: Gr. *poiēma* - a thing that has been made.  
“poet”, “poem” – the idea of a work of art; a **masterpiece**
- *For good works which God prepared beforehand*



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