



Ephesians 2:1-10 | Created for Good Works
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Summary of Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul prays that God will allow the Ephesian believers to “see” 3 things [to give us spiritual sight]: (which you can see beginning in verse 18 – the phrases beginning with “what is” or “what are”)

1. Their hope in God’s calling
2. Their rich inheritance
3. God’s great power at work in believers.

Paul tells us that God expressed that great power in:

1. Raising Christ from the dead and putting all creation and the church under Christ’s authority. (1:20-23; see also Colossians 1:15-23)
And that brings us to the “and” of Ephesians 2:1. The second way that God expresses his great power is:
2. Raising believers from spiritual death. (2:1-10)
“and you were dead . . . but God . . . made us alive!”

Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 2:1-3 — Dead in Our Sin

Ephesians 2:4-6 — But God!

But God made us alive together, and raised us up together, and made us sit together in Christ Jesus.

“He raised us up together “

This talks about the believer’s positional resurrection and not their future physical resurrection (e.g., 1 Thess 4:16; 1 Cor 15; Rom 8:23; Phil 3:21; 2 Tim 2:11, 18)

“The new resurrected life demands new values.” — Harold Hoehner

Colossians 3:1–2

3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Ephesians 2:7-10 — The Purpose of Our Salvation

Romans 4:3–5

3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

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5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

The Word “Walk” in the Book of Ephesians

Ephesians 4:1 — “I . . . beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called”

Ephesians 4:17 — “. . . you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk”

Ephesians 5:2 — “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us”

Ephesians 5:8 — “Walk as children of light”

Ephesians 5:15 — “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise”

The Good Works that We are Called to in Ephesians 4-6

- Use our gifts to build up the body (4:7-16)
- Put off your old self and put on your new — be renewed in the spirit of your minds (4:17-32)
- Imitate God by walking in love (5:1-2)
- Live holy lives, especially in terms of our sexuality and our words (5:1-14)
- Live wisely by submitting to God and being thankful (5:15-21)
- Our domestic relationships are shaped by our new life in Christ (5:22-6:9)

Application

1. Unity in the Church

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 13:35

Ephesians 2:11-16

Tony Evans – A Biblical Response to Race on YouTube

2. Alive in Christ

Matthew 7:21-23

3. Walking in Good Works

Are there areas of our life where we know we are not being obedient to Christ?

Are we actively striving to grow in and apply our faith?