God’s Workmanship
Eph. 2:1-10

Introduction:
A. Chapter one: Our possession in Christ; chapter 2: Our position in Christ.
B. Chapter two continues to describe the power mentioned in 1:19 — raised thru gospel.

Discussion:
II. What We Were (vv. 1-3).
A. Sinners separated from God — dead (v. 1; cf. 1 Tim. 5:6).
   1. Trespasses: Deviation from truth/uprightness; with idea of caught off guard (cf. Gal. 6:1).
   2. Sins: Lawless (1 John 3:4); Missed the mark.
B. Sinners enslaved by the world (v. 2)
   1. Walked: Lived for the pleasures/fashions (cf. Col. 3:7)
   2. Course: The way the world lives (Phil 3:18-19).
      a. Controlled by flesh rather than Spirit. (Gal. 5:16, 19-21).
      b. Course of Demas (2 Tim. 4:10; cf. 1 John 2:15-17).
C. Sinners empowered by prince — Satan (v. 2; cf. John 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4).
   2. Spirit: Attitude; bad thinking.
D. Sinners subject to God’s wrath (v. 3).
   1. All: Jew & Gentile alike. (Rom. 3:9, 10, 23).
   2. Lusts/Desires; crave/long/wish; Channel in right direction (cf. Phil. 1:23; 1 Pet. 2:1-2).

III. What God Did (vv. 4-9).
A. “But God” (v. 4) — Among greatest words in the Bible.
   1. His rich mercy: Could have let us get what deserved - wrath, instead chose to save.
   2. His great love: Acted in our interest — “even when were dead …”
B. Raised us up:
   1. From spiritual death (v. 5; cf. Col. 2:12-13)
   2. To sit with Christ in heavenly places; Not in heaven but in kingdom over which he reigns (v. 6; 1:3; Rom. 6:4; Phil 3:20; Col. 3:1-2).
   3. To show exceeding riches of His grace in ages to come (v. 7).
C. Saved us by grace through faith (v. 8) — Not by either alone.
   1. “That not of yourselves” — salvation is gift, not faith.
   2. “Not of works” — What kind of works?
      a. Those of merit or own invention. (Tit. 3:5).
   3. Other passages tell us how Ephesians saved by grace (Acts 19:1-5; Eph. 4:5; 5:26).

IV. What We Are (v. 10).
A. His workmanship — His product — A sinner, washed, made new. (2 Cor. 5:17).
B. Created unto good works: Purpose for creation (Phil. 2:12-13).
   1. God prepared beforehand — Part of His revelation. (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
   2. His standard of good works, not ours. (1 Pet.4:11).
   3. Should walk — not idle. (Tit. 2:14).

Conclusion:
A. Are we dead in sins? Or His workmanship? Our choice.
B. He is still rich in mercy; will you accept? (Rev. 3:20).