Ephesians
Chapter 2:6-10

I. **Ephesians 2:6**[6]And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

a. Raised us up

I. **Some day, but now as well**

1. **Philippians 3:10**[10]That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
2. **Romans 6:4**[4]Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
    a. **Romans 6 speaks of walking in this newness of life and being dead to sin.**

II. **Our identification is in resurrection**

1. **Colossians 2:12**[12]Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
2. **Colossians 3:1** [1]If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
    a. **This is why Hymenaues and Philetus erred because they said the resurrection was already past (II Timothy 2:17-18)**

b. Sit together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus

1. **Acts 7:55** [55]But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the

glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God

2. **Hebrews 10: 12** [12]But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

II. **God is who seats us and changes us**

1. **I Corinthians 15:40** [40]*There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.
2. **I Corinthians 15:44** [44]It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
3. **I Corinthians 15:52** [52]In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
    a. **See also I Thessalonians 4:15-17 & Titus 2:13**
4. **Philippians 3:20-21** [20]For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: [21]Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

II. **Ephesians 2:7** [7]That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

a. Ages to come

I. **The verb is the present tense. He sees us as we will be in Eternity and not Israel's future Earthly kingdom.**

1. **II Timothy 2:11**[11]*It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*:

a. **Ephesians 1:6** [6]To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
b. **Ephesians 1:12** [12]That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
c. **Ephesians 1:14** [14]Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

II. **We live in this age**
1. **Romans 12:2** [2]And be not conformed **to this world**: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
2. **Galatians 1:4** [4]Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this **present evil world**, according to the will of God and our Father:
3. **Titus 2:12** [12]Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this **present world**;

b. Riches of his grace

I. **The redeemed of this dispensation are examples of his rich grace. Salvation if for God's glory. This gives us purpose today.**
II. **Grace of God has been defined as "God's riches at Christ's expense" in his kindness.**
1. **II Corinthians 9:14** [14]And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

III. **His grace is mentioned several times in Paul's letters.**

a. **Ephesians 2:8-9….We received from God what we don't deserve. II Corinthians 5:21.**
b. **Romans 8:32** [32]He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
c. **Romans 3:24** [24]Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
d. **Romans 5:15** [15]But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.
e. **II Corinthians 8:9** [9]For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.
f. **I Timothy 1:14-15** [14]And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. [15]This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

III. **Ephesians 2:8-9**[8]For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: [9]Not of works, lest any man should boast.

a. Saved

I. **Context always determines what is meant by "saved". Sometimes the context isn't talking about our eternity, but saved from something in this life. These shouldn't be confused**

1. **Philippians 1:19**[19]For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

II. **By grace**
   1. **No merit involved nor going through Israel.**
      a. **Romans 3:10-12** [10]As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: [11]There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. [12]They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

III. **Through faith**
   1. **Faith is not the "gift" but salvation. Faith is neuter gender it is not intended to modify faith.**
   2. **Faith is not a work. It's a response to what God hath said. It is the catalyst from which God saves.**
      a. **Romans 10:17** [17]So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
      b. **II Thessalonians 2:13**[13]But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

IV. **"Are" is in the present indicative. It means continuous action.**

V. **"Saved" is perfect participle and means completed action.**

b. <u>Gift of God</u>

I. **It is free. The sinner is responsible to either accept or reject the gift.**

II. **Those who will reject will spend eternity in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).**

III. **Freely given**

1. **Romans 6:23** [23]For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
2. **Romans 3:24** [24]Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
3. **Romans 5:17** [17]For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
4. **Ephesians 1:5** [5]Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

IV. **By no other**
1. **Acts 4:11-12** [11]This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. [12]Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

V. **If God must impart Faith to believe then regeneration precede belief**

c. Not of works

I. **Man would boast. This is pride**
1. **Titus 3:5** [5]Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
2. **II Timothy 1:9** [9]Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
3. **Romans 4:2-3** [2]For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. [3]For what saith the scripture? Abraham

believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

a. **Paul himself as this pattern (I Timothy 1:12-16)**

4. **Romans 4:5** [5]But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

a. **See also Romans 3:23-26**

II. **See the difference**

1. **James 2:17**[17]Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
2. **James 2:24**[24]Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

IV. **Ephesians 2:10**[10]For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

a. <u>His workmanship</u>

I. **Workmanship- Greek word** *poíēma*- Strongs Con. a product, i.e. fabric (literally or figuratively):—thing that is made, workmanship.

1. **This is where we get our word poem from**
   a. **II Corinthians 5:17** [17]Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a **<u>new creature</u>**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
   b. **Galatians 6:15** [15]For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a **<u>new creature</u>**.
   c. **I Corinthians 3:9** [9]For we are **<u>labourers together with God</u>**: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
2. **This is a stark difference from Ephesians 2:3 that we looked at last week.**

b. <u>Good works</u>

I. **Created as new creatures in Christ for the purpose of allowing God to work through us. The divine nature to please god versus the old nature to deal with.**
    1. **See Philippians 1:5-6, Colossians 1:10, II Thessalonians 2:17, I Timothy 6:18, II Timothy 2:21, Titus 3:1, II Timothy 3:17, Titus 3:8, 14, Galatians 5:22-23, Philippians 2:13, II Corinthians 5:14-16.**

II. **Romans 12:1-2**[1]I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. [2]And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

III. **In Israel's program we would know them by their fruits (Matthew 7:19-20)**

c. Before ordained

I. **Ephesians 1:4** [4]According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

II. **Titus 2:14**[14]Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

d. **"Should walk in them"**

I. **Titus 3:8**[8]*This is* a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
    1. **Even widows in I Timothy 5:10**

II. **Romans 6:6** [6]Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.