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Scripture Texts

Ephesians 2:1-10

Connect

Zig Ziglar said: “The chief cause of failure and unhappiness is trading what you want most for what you want now.”

Do you think that statement is true? Tell about a time when you have given up something in the future to have what you want now or when you have given up things in the short run for a long-term goal. In either case, how did it work out?

Engage

This week’s sermon was on finding joy by becoming eternally minded.

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

In this passage, Paul divides a Christian’s life into two periods. What are they? Who controlled you in the first period? What was the result?

What are the characteristics of the unbeliever in verses 1-3?

What does Paul mean when he says we were dead?

If we are “dead” because of sin (v.1), how are we made alive? Why? (vv.4-5)

What do verses 4-9 tell us about God has done and is doing for us? Why is He doing this (v.7)?

Paul says you are seated with Christ in the heavenly realm. What does that mean? How can that be true of you while you are still alive on earth?

What is the relationship between God’s grace, salvation and good works?

What has God’s grace meant to you in your life?

What is the significance of the word “workmanship” in verse 10? How would thinking of yourself as God’s workmanship affect the way you conduct your life?

Apply

Based on the sermon this week and on this passage, discuss:

1. Is there something I need to give up?
2. Is there something I need to start?
3. Is there something I need to continue but with a new focus?

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