

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:1–10

While all Scripture is equally *inspired* and equally *authoritative*, we can admit that not all Scripture is equally *urgent*. Not every passage of the Bible uniformly challenges its hearers and readers with a sin-confronting, reality-defining, life-shaping, soul-saving, and response-demanding set of truths. Ephesians 2:1–10, however, certainly does. Sometimes considered a condensation of Paul’s explanation of redemption in the book of Romans, this single paragraph declares the glorious truth that, while we were once dead in sin, we’ve been made alive by grace, and have now been sent to work. Whether one is unacquainted with Christ, has rejected Christ, fallen away from Christ, grown apathetic to Christ, is struggling to follow Christ, or is walking faithfully with Christ, Paul’s words in this text call for action, convicting us, inviting us, reminding us, reassuring us, and motivating us.

What We Were *Before* Christ

vv. 1–3

What We Are *in* Christ

vv. 4–9

What We’re To Do *for* Christ

v. 10