

DEVOTIONAL & APPLICATION

EPHESIANS 2:1-10 (KJV) · AUGUST 26, 2026

REFLECTION: Ephesians 2:1-10 reminds us of the profound depth of human spiritual need and the even greater depth of divine mercy. The text describes our natural state apart from Christ as being spiritually dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1), governed by the world and the flesh rather than God. Yet, in His rich mercy and great love, God makes us alive together with Christ, rescuing us entirely by His grace through faith rather than human works (Ephesians 2:4-9). This sovereign rescue means our salvation is entirely a gift, designed to display His kindness across the ages and to shape us as His workmanship for good works prepared beforehand (Ephesians 2:10). While different Christian traditions understand the precise mechanics of grace, human agency, and baptism in various ways, all believers recognize this passage as a foundational anchor for the truth that salvation belongs entirely to the Lord.

APPLICATION:

- You might take a few quiet moments this week to thank God specifically for grace that is a gift rather than something earned, perhaps writing down a brief note of gratitude for how He has sustained you.
- Consider looking at the everyday tasks or relationships on your calendar this week as part of the "good works" prepared for you to walk in, simply asking God to help you love the people right in front of you with His kindness.

PRAYER PROMPT: Begin by thanking God for His rich mercy and great love that reaches us even in our weakness. Pray for a deeper sense of rest in the gift of His grace, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk faithfully in the good works He has prepared for you each day.