

TWO WALKS

From Death in Sin to Life in Christ

KEY PASSAGE Ephesians 2:1–10

Purpose: To contrast the former walk of spiritual death with the new walk of life in Christ, and to consider how grace, faith, and good works shape Christian discipleship.

I. The Condition Before Christ | Ephesians 2:1–3

- **Spiritually dead:** Sin was not merely a bad habit but a condition of separation from God.
- **Following the world:** Our former walk conformed to the course and values of a rebellious age.
- **Under hostile influence:** Paul identifies the “prince of the power of the air” as an active spiritual influence behind disobedience.
- **Governed by desire:** The passions of body and mind directed life apart from God.

II. The Transformation by God | Ephesians 2:4–7

- **“But God”:** The turning point begins with God’s initiative, not human improvement.
- **Rich mercy and great love:** God made believers alive together with Christ even while they were dead in trespasses.
- **Raised and seated with Christ:** Believers already share in Christ’s exalted life in the heavenly places, while awaiting its full completion.
- **Grace on display:** God’s saving work reveals the immeasurable riches of His grace and kindness in Christ.

III. Faith, Grace, and Purpose | Ephesians 2:8–10

- **Salvation is God’s gift:** It is received by grace through faith and cannot become a basis for boasting.
- **Faith as allegiance:** Faith involves more than intellectual assent; it expresses trusting loyalty and active commitment to Jesus.
- **God’s workmanship:** Believers are not self-made. They are God’s creation in Christ Jesus.
- **Created for good works:** Good works do not earn salvation; they are the prepared path of the life salvation creates.

KEY TRUTH Grace does not merely rescue us from the old walk; it creates a new walk shaped by life in Christ and expressed through good works.

Discussion Questions

Use the questions below to connect Paul’s teaching with daily discipleship.

1. Reflecting on the “Walk”

Paul contrasts our former walk, governed by the world, with our new walk in Christ. In what specific ways does your daily life reflect a walk directed by God’s grace rather than the world’s influence?

2. Defining Faith

The sermon describes faith as active allegiance rather than intellectual belief alone. How does this definition reshape the way you understand your daily commitment to Jesus?

3. God as the Workman

We are called God’s “workmanship” in verse 10. What does it mean to be made by God rather than self-made in a culture that prizes independence and personal achievement?

4. Prepared Works

Paul says that God prepared good works beforehand for us to walk in. How can we better discern and step into the specific good works God has prepared for our lives?

5. The Role of Grace

If salvation is God’s gift and is not based on works, why is it still essential for believers to walk in the good works described in verse 10?

Personal Application

What is one influence from your former walk that you need to resist, and what is one good work or act of faithful allegiance you will intentionally pursue this week?

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