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² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1-10

A. THE PAST THAT WE MUST NEVER FORGET

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Ephesians 2:1-3

1. Dead in trespasses and sins

2. Walked (lived) according to the course of this world
3. According to the prince of the power of the air
4. The spirit of disobedience
5. Lusts of the flesh
6. Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind
7. Children of wrath by nature

B. WE ARE GOD'S WORKMANSHIP

- ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
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Ephesians 2:4-10

1. Why would God give us Salvation?

- a) Because He is rich in mercy
- b) Because of His great love
- c) Because of the exceeding riches of His grace and kindness

2. The Characteristic Workmanship of God

- a) God's workmanship is marked by Love
- b) It involves great Power to make the dead come alive

- c) God expends exceedingly rich Grace
- d) God demonstrates great kindness of heart
- e) God's gift of a new life is inimitable

3. By Divine Decree

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⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:5-7

- a) Made us Alive together with Christ
- b) Raised us up together
- c) Made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

4. Divine Design

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

- a) Created for good works
- b) God has prepared this beforehand
- c) We should walk (live) as He designed it

D. NO ROOM FOR HUMAN BOASTING

1. Salvation cannot be earned or merited
2. Salvation is a Gift from God
3. It is possible only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To forsake sinful ways
2. To fulfil what God has saved us for
3. To be faithful and fruitful in our life