

Lessons in Salvation -- Lesson 6

Introduction:

We have said that the word "gospel" means good news of salvation. In the last lesson (Ephesians 2:1-3) we looked at who we were when God saved us. This lesson (Ephesians 2:4-10) we will look at why God saved us and how He saves us.

Read this passage at least five times then answer the questions as best you can:

^{NKJ} **Ephesians 2:1** And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 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. (Eph 2:1-10 NKJ)

Re-read 2:1-3. What personal qualities did God see in you and me that made Him want to save us?

2:4 -- Why did God save you?\

2:5-6 -- What three things does God do when He saves someone?

2:7 – The first word "that" which tells us God's purpose in saving us. Explain that purpose.

2:8-9 Explain "grace" and "faith." From where do grace and faith come? Why can't we brag about our grace and faith?

2:10 – The work of God in us has a purpose. What is that purpose? How certain can we be that that purpose will be worked out?

