

The Roots of the Reformation
“Grace Alone”
Eph. 2:4-10

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Salvation by Grace Alone....

- 1. Is Necessary Because of the Nature of Man (v1-3)**
 - A. Man in his natural state is spiritually dead.
 - B. Man is inherently sinful and does not pursue after God.
 - C. Man is a child of wrath.
 - D. Man is incapable of saving himself from destruction.

 - 2. Is Possible Because of the Nature of God (v4)**
 - 3. Is Realized by the Merits of The Lord Jesus Christ (v5-9)**
 - A. In Christ alone, is the only way we can be saved. (Romans 5:8-11)
 - B. In Christ alone, can we be justified. (Romans 5:16-17)
 - C. In Christ alone, was the once and for all sacrifice. (Hebrews 10:12-14)
 - D. In Christ alone, rests our assurance of salvation. (John 5:13)

 - 4. Is Exhibited in our Good Works (v10)**
 - A. The Lord Prepares us for Good Works. (2 Cor 8:8, 1 Cor 15:10, 2 Tim 2:20-21)
 - B. Good Works are Evidence of our Salvation. (Romans 6:1-8)
 - C. Good Works are a Testimony to the Lost. (Matt 5:16, Col 1:10)
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Sunday Food For Thought: Salvation, the new-birth and entry into the kingdom of Christ comes from God alone and from God as a gift of His love, mercy and grace alone, through faith alone, nullifying any kind of works or self-worth from the sinner.

1. In our passage, Paul divides the Christian life into two periods. What are they and who controlled you in that first period?

2. If we were “dead” because of sin (v.1) how are we made “alive” (vv.4-5) ?

3. What is the relationship between God’s grace and our good works ?
What good work do you feel God may have in mind for you?

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