

“GRACE WORKS”

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Who you are and What you’ve got!

Four EVIDENCES of grace at work:

I. YOU WERE _____ IN YOUR SIN.

A. _____ of us lived among them.
Ephesians 2:1-3 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of the world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

B. You were made _____ in Christ.
Ephesians 2:4-7 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

II. BY GRACE THROUGH _____ YOU ARE SAVED.

A. You were _____ to do good works.
Ephesians 2:8-10 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

B. Understanding _____ with grace.

III. YOU BECAME _____ IN CHRIST.

A. By the _____ of Christ.
Ephesians 2:11-13 “Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called uncircumcised by those who call themselves the circumcision (that done by the hands of men) remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.”

B. _____ was accomplished on the cross.
Ephesians 2:14-17 “For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to those who were far away and peace to those who were near.”

IV. YOU ARE A _____ OF GOD’S HOUSEHOLD.

A. Jesus Christ is the _____.
Ephesians 2:18-20 “For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.”

B. God _____ in us.
Ephesians 2:21-22 “In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

C. God wills _____ his work in us.
Philippians 1:6 NAS “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Next Week: Branded, part 3 – Power-Up! (Ephesians 3) by Pastor Steve McInroy