

Text: *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Topics: Faith, Grace, Salvation, Works

Ephesians: When Faith is Strong, But the Fire Isn't

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The Gospel Message

I. You Once Were... (1-3)

We all were spiritually dead –
condemned for our sin, and under the influence of Satan.

II. You Now Are... (4-7)

In Christ we've become spiritually alive –
and have become examples of God's grace.

III. For the purpose of... (8-10)

Salvation is a demonstration of God's grace through our faith, for His service.

The gospel: *We all were spiritually dead, but have become alive by God's grace through faith in Christ, for His service.*

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. What would you say to someone who thinks they will be saved for being a good person and doing good things? What would you say to someone who says they know they are saved because of their faith in Christ, but doesn't see a need to serve Christ?

2. The two following passages seem to conflict. What does each say about boasting, faith, grace, justification, and works?
Romans 3:20-30.

James 2:14-26.

How is a person justified and saved by God - through works, faith, both?
What is the relationship between faith and works?

3. What might be the results of focusing on faith, or works, to the exclusion of the other? Do you tend to lean more toward one or the other? Give an example.

Read Ephesians 2:4-10 and Galatians 2:20-21. How can understanding grace help us put faith and works together for living out the Christian life?

4. What is the main application of this study, and/or Ephesians 2:1-10 and the sermon, for you?

