

Hallelujah! To Work We Go.
Ephesians 2:1-10

- I. Our Past (Ephesians 2:1-3)
 - A. Dead spiritually
 - B. Our Walk
 - 1. To the course of this world.
 - 2. To the prince of the power of the air (Satan).
 - 3. To the spirit of disobedience.
 - C. Our Conversation (Lifestyle)
 - 1. Lusts of the flesh.
 - 2. Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind.
 - 3. By nature the children of wrath, as all without Christ.
- II. Our Present (Ephesians 2:4-6)
 - A. But God (the person)
 - B. His mercy and great love.
 - C. Hath made us alive in Christ. (His Holy Spirit moved in giving us a new nature.)
 - D. Has raised us up (in the newness of life)
 - E. Has made us sit together (in one body – the Church) in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- III. Our Future (Ephesians 2:7)
 - A. In the Ages to come (eternity)
 - B. The exceeding riches of His Grace in his kindness toward us.
 - C. Through Christ Jesus.
- IV. The Way (or Method, Means, etc.)(Ephesians 2:8)
 - A. By Grace (God's unmerited favor bestowed to mankind by God through Jesus Christ).
 - B. Through Faith (The connection between God and man). Simply believing Him completely and totally.
 - C. Which is not of us but it is a gift. (Salvation, and the Faith for it.)
 - D. Not of Works (Ephesians 2:9)
- V. The Purpose (Ephesians 2:10)
 - A. We are created unto good works. (His Workmanship)
 - B. God hath before ordained that we should walk (i.e. have them) in them.
 - C. Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
 - 1. God is not glorified by what we do not do, but rather by what we do.

2. God is pleased with what we do in our relationship with Him, but some of those do not necessarily glorify him to others. (Not before men).
3. It is what we do before men (or for people) that they see and glorify God.
 - a. We have to be careful here or we will become Pharisaical.
 - b. Praying to be seen, giving to be seen, etc.
4. What are works that do glorify God?
 - a. Witnessing (one on one) for the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - b. Praying for the sick, the needy, the destitute, the hurting, and the lost.
 - c. Helping those that need help.
 - d. Presenting Christ in different methods to a lost world.
Christmas play, Choir singing, Special presentations, etc.
 - e. Visiting the shut-ins.
 - f. Youth Rally
 - g. New opportunities.

VI. Have you done the greatest work?

John 6:28-29 "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."