Ephesians 2: 8-10

1. **The Great Theme of 2:1-10….GRACE!!!**

   a. Unexpected

   b. Unmerited

   c. Against strong legitimate urges for Justice

   d. By Grace He:

      i. Chose us (Ephesian 1: 4)

      ii. Adopted us (Ephesians 1: 5)

      iii. Redeemed us (Ephesians 1: 7)

      iv. Has given us an inheritance (Ephesians 1: 11)

      v. Sealed us with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1: 13-14)

      vi. Made us alive (Ephesians 2: 5)

      vii. Raised us up (Ephesians 2: 6)

      viii. Made us sit in the heavenlies (Ephesians 2: 6)

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2. **B. Ephesians 2:8-9**

   Outline the Text:

By Grace

Through Faith

Not of Works: Does it pass the "**Not of Works Test**"?

Excludes Boasting:

a. Romans 3: 21 - 28

b. Romans 4: 1 - 5

c. Romans 4: 13 - 16

d. Romans 9: 10 - 11

e. Romans 11: 5 - 6

f. I Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

3. What About Works? Ephesians 2: 10

a. We are His Workmanship … His New Creation

i. Ephesians 2: 5

ii. Galatians 6: 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

iii. II Corinthians 5: 17 Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ, he is a*

new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

b. Purpose: Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works

i. Galatians 5: 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

ii. Titus 2: 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His own special people, zealous for good works.*

iii. Prepared Beforehand … Walk in them

iv. Ephesians 4: 1 - 3; 4: 25 - 5: 7