

**September 22, 2024**  
**Ephesians 2:1-10**  
**“Dead Man Walking”**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

Ephesians is a good book for a mentor to take a new believer through as they begin their Christian walk. It is an excellent book to take someone who is not a believer through to show them the way to be saved and to reveal to them the blessings that come with being born again.

**V 1**, there is not a distinction between trespass and sin but to state the cause of this condition of deadness more emphatically. Gleaned from *R.C. H. Lenski*

Faith is the act of believing. Faith is a gift from God, see **II Peter 1:1a**, “Simon Peter a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those who have received a faith equal to ours . . . **Philippians 1:29**, “For It has been granted to you on Christ’s behalf not only to believe in him but also to suffer for him.” **Acts 3:16**, “By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

Faith is NOT man’s contribution to his own salvation. It is a gift of God.

Faith, simply a trustful response that is itself evoked by the Holy Spirit. Gleaned from *A. Skevington Wood*

“One often meets careless statements such as: ‘Grace is God’s part, faith ours.’” Now the simple fact is that even in human relations faith and confidence are produced in us by others, by what they are and what they do; we never produce it ourselves.” *R. C. H. Lenski*

**V 10**, is the outcome of the whole of **Ephesians 2:1-10**. Salvation is intended to produce the good works that attest to its reality.

**Application:**

If you are counting on anything you have done as a part of your salvation or how you think you maintain your salvation, you are in huge trouble. To say that God did His part and I did mine is heresy. There is human responsibility in there somewhere but salvation is God’s work and His alone. To keep this simple, what exactly can a dead man do to save himself? NOTHING! You can say otherwise but that dog won’t hunt. Scripture clearly states that fact, look at **John 6:44** for example. Consider this passage of Scripture, “I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.” **Galatians 2:20-21**.