

# Ephesians 1:15-2:10

## Extra Questions

As you read through the letter to the Ephesians, list personal things that you learn about Paul and the recipients of this letter that give you an insight into who they were and their relationships.

Paul	Ephesians
<p>1:16 <i>“do not cease giving thanks for you...in my prayers”</i></p>	<p>1:15 <i>“the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints”</i></p>



**"Dead in trespasses and sins" (2:1,2)**

- What does Romans 3:10,23 teach about man apart from the Lord?

**FYI:** "It has been often noted that these verses in Ephesians are a three-verse summary of the first three chapters of the Book of Romans, which teach the total depravity and death of humankind." - R Kent Hughes (67)

- How would Paul's description in 2:2,3 fit the Ephesians? Acts 19:11-41
- What does scripture say about "the world?" 1 John 5:19
- Why does the flesh (2:3) cause such problems?
  - Romans 7:18
  - Galatians 5:17
- How did Paul describe the "deeds of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21

**"By grace you have been saved" (2:8)**

- Underline how we are saved and double underline what fails to save us.
  - Romans 4:5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. NIV
  - Titus 3:5-6 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, NAS
  - Galatians 2:16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. NAS
  - 2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, NAS

- How would you explain the difference between not being saved by works (2:8,9) but for good works (2:10)?

### **"His Workmanship" (2:10)**

- Underline other titles or descriptions God gives us.
  - Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. NAS
  - Philippians 2:15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe. NIV
  - Romans 6:13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. NIV
  - Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. NIV
  - 2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. NIV
  
- What did Jesus say was the mark of a true disciple?
  - John 15:8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. NAS
  - John 8:31-32 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." NAS
  - John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." NAS
  
- Since God prepared His works for you beforehand, what does that say about the purpose/value of what you do?

- Mark the word “formerly” in 2:2,3. Make a list of the things that were true of a person’s life before Christ (2:1-3) and a list of the things that God gives us in Christ through faith (2:4-10).

<i>“And you were...”</i>	<i>“But God...”</i>