EPHESIANS 2:1–10

[1]And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, [2]in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. [3]Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

[4]**But** God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, [5]even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), [6]and **raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7]so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8]For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; [9]not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

[10]For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

God's Raw Materials

• Dead to God

• Enslaved to Satan

• Ruled by Selfishness

• Destined for the Fire

God's Divine Workmanship

• Motivated by Love

• Designed like Christ

• Purposed to Treasure

Declaration:

I have been made beautiful to carry something beautiful .

RENEWAL: Do you have a tough time accepting that without Christ you are incapable of pleasing God and unresponsive to Him? Can you pinpoint where Jesus has made something from the dead branches of your life? How do you embrace truth when you don't feel the truth? How can you remind yourself that you are a Loving Artist's workmanship? Does your life line up with the beauty Jesus sees in you? On scale of 1 to 10, 1 being, "I cannot believe I was made to carry something beautiful," to 10 being, "I fully embrace being a vessel to carry something beautiful," where do you find yourself? Where do you want to be? How can we help you get there?

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