

# DIGDEEPER

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Ephesians 2:8-10 ([Listen](#))  
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## THE BIG IDEA

We are saved by grace through faith. Grace is the power of God to raise men from the dead, and faith is the instrument that brings grace to us. Both of these—grace and faith—come from God so that we might display his goodness to the world as we walk in newness of life. We are left with no room to take pride in what has happened to us. Rather, we have every reason to thank God and spend our lives every day living in the power of his resurrection.

**START A CONVERSATION** (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

Why do people become Christians?

## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- How are people saved?
- What is faith? What does it look like the first day someone comes to Christ, and what does it look like many years later? What has faith looked like in your own life?
- What is grace? If someone asked you that question, how would you explain it with a personal story from your own life?
- What good work (see v. 10) has God been calling you to that would magnify himself? How can you take action this week to display God's goodness through the way you live?

## GO DEEPER

- The best summary of our faith is that God has saved us by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. This is the gospel. Watch as author Jerry Bridges explains [why we never outgrow it](#). And watch as Paul David Tripp walks us through [how to preach the gospel to ourselves](#) so that it controls our every day.
- Beau talked at length about the relationship between grace and faith. Follow along as John Piper walks through [1 Peter 1:3-5](#) where the apostle discusses that relationship and its effects in similar ways.
- The sermon mentioned how we cannot separate verse 10 from verses 8-9. We can no more forsake the things God calls us to do than we can earn what only God can give. Watch as Ligon Duncan explains [how our works and our being made alive fit together](#).

## LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

Take a significant amount of time to read back through Ephesians 2:1-10. Remember your life before Jesus. Count the ways you had sinned and were deserving of God's wrath. Then thank God for the incredible goodness he has shown you. Thank him for doing what you could not do. Then, spend time in prayer asking God how he wants to use your life as a way to display himself to the world. And when he answers, obey.