

Victory Connect Lesson
Messes Into Masterpieces
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Key Passage: Eph 2:10 NLT - For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Introduction: God's grace can turn our mess into His Masterpiece. Our salvation, value and identity are not based on our "good" deeds, but on our faith in His works.

1. We all were in sin and away from God at one time.

Eph 2:1,3 NLT - Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. :3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature...

2. But God reached down and saved us. Eph 2:4,5 NLT - But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, :5 ...he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

3. We are raised with Christ and seated with Him.

Eph 2:6 NLT - For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

4. We are His trophy of His grace on public display.

Eph 2:7 CSB - so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

5. We are saved by grace, through faith (in Him).

Eph 2:8 NKJV - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God,

6. Salvation is not a reward for our own "good" works.

Eph 2:9 NLT - Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

7. You are the Masterpiece of the Great Divine Artist.

Eph 2:10a AMP - For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus...

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you come to salvation by grace through faith?
2. Is there a time you trusted your own works?
3. What does it mean to be "seated with" Christ?

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