Ephesians 2:1-10

time p	nd you [He has made alive], who were dead in your trespasses and sins, wherein in ast you walked according to the system of this world, the spirit who now works in dren of disobedience:
	a.) Paul is speaking to born again Christians here. What does this tell us about our own state before we were saved ("in times past")? We were in our sins. We led our lives by what standards? "The system of this"
•	Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to THIS WORLD, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that and and will of God."
	Definition: "THIS WORLD" - This refers to the whole system of thinking among the UNSAVED people of the world, who are under Satan's control. Satan is called "the god of this world and "prince" or "ruler" OF THIS WORLD .
	Definition: "prince of the power of the aire" - This is one of the many names of Satan in the Bible. We were motivated and energized by Satan when we were "children of disobedience," before we were saved. All unsaved people belong to Satan and are under his control.
•	II Corinthians 4:3-4 "But even our gospel is veiled (hidden), it is veiled to those who are perishing (do not believe), whose minds the of this age (world) has , who do not believe"
•	John 8:40-44 (Verse 44) "You are of your father , the, and the desire of your father YOU WANT TO DO."
•	John 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the of THIS WORLD will be cast out."
•	John 14:30 "I will no longer talk much with you, for the of THIS WORLD is coming, and he has nothing in Me."
•	Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes and to turn them from to light, and from the power of to God."
•	Rev 12:9-10 "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the and , who deceives the whole ; he was cast to the Earth, and his were cast out with him."
fulfilling	ng whom we also all had our way of life in times past , in the lusts of our flesh, g the desires of the flesh and of the mind ; and were by nature the children of just as the others.
	a.) Read Ephesians 4:17-24; I Peter 4:2-4; Galatians 5:16-21.
•	Ephesians 4:19 "Who being past feeling, have given themselves over to to work all with"
•	I Peter 4:3 "For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in , , , and"
•	Galatians 5:19-21 "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:,

Definition: "Gentiles" - I Peter 4:3 this refers to UNSAVED people, not merely non-Jews. **Definition:** "licentiousness" - not obeying the rules; having no moral restraint Compare with Romans 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (with the word of God), that you may prove what is that good acceptable and perfect will of "God." (This is what we as Christians are to do to keep from falling back into old patterns of thought & action) **4-7.** But **God**, who is rich in mercy, for **His great love with which He loved us**, even when we were dead in sins, has made us alive together with Christ (by grace are you saved); and has raised us up together, and has made us to sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus: a.) What is our **position in Christ**? Seated with _____ in heavenly _____ . Who placed us there? _____. If we were **DEAD** in our sins, and God had to raise us up and MAKE US ALIVE, then we did not do anything to earn that position. Can aDEAD **PERSON** do anything to help God? _____ Do the **religions of this world** teach people that they can DO SOMETHING to HELP GOD or somehow EARN their way to heaven? Psalm 145:8-10 "The Lord is GRACIOUS, and FULL OF _____; SLOW TO ANGER, and of GREAT _____ . The Lord is ____ to all; and his TENDER MERCIES are over all His works. All Thy works shall PRAISE Thee, O lord, and Thy saints shall BLESS • **Titus 3:3-6** "For ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the _____ and ____ OF GOD our Savior toward man appeared, **not** by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His **He saved us**, by the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit; which He shed on us ABUNDANTLY through Jesus Christ our Savior." 8-9. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, lest anyone should boast. **Read Romans 5:6-17** (Verse 15) "But the _____ is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense (Adam's sin) many _____ , much more the _____ of God, and the _____ by the GRACE of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many, and the is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in ______, but the _ which came from many offenses resulted in justification." Note how many times words like "the free gift," "the grace of God," "the gift by grace" are used. If salvation is a free gift, IT CANNOT be earned by our good works, good deeds or religious observances. Something that is earned is called "wages." **Read Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is ______, but the _____ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." What are the only "wages" we ever **earn** in relation to God?" What is the free gift?

	we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus not (for the purpose of) good which God has before ordained that we should walk in them. What place the do "good works" have in our lives? They are the PRODUCT of our salvation, and a testimony to the world (to SHOW them) that we belong to the Lord. God also uses us to help meet the needs of His people in the church body.
•	Read Titus 3:1-8 & 14 (Verse 4) "But when the and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His He saved us, by the washing of regeneration (being born again) and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Verse 14) and let our people also learn to maintain to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful." II Corinthians 9:12-13 "For the administration of this not only supplies the of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.
•	James 2:18 "But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will you my faith my works.'"
•	Titus 2:7-8 & 13-14 "In all things showing Yourself to be a pattern of; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that the one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing to say about you."
•	Colossians 1:10 "That you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every"
•	Matthew 5:16 "Let you light so shine before, that they may your and glorify your Father in heaven."
	Does this mean God has a plan and a purpose for our lives once we come to Christ?
	Does God have a plan for our lives even before we are born ?
•	Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb, I you, and you came forth out of the, I sanctified you and I ordained you to be a prophet unto the nations."
•	Romans 9:11 & 23-24 "For the children not yet being, that the of God according to election (His choice) might stand, not of but of Him who calls (chooses)" "And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessel of, which He had prepared for glory, even whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles."
•	II Timothy 1:9 "Who has saved us and called us with a holy CALLING, not according to, but according to His own purpose and grace which was GIVEN to in Christ Jesus time began."