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What a mighty God we serve, and what mighty power is ours for the asking. And what a privilege it is to ask.

We have come, this morning, Father, and some of us have rushed into this place. Some of us have struggled, this morning, with the routine things of life. Now we are here, and You are here, and Father, what we ask is that You would still our anxious hearts; that You would remove from us, the pressures and issues that are still swirling about in our minds. Cause our hearts to refocus the lens of our lives upon Jesus Christ, alone.

May heaven fill our thoughts. May Christ dominate our every breath. Will you be our teacher? Take us Father, and open our hearts for heart surgery, and as we leave this place, may there be a difference because of who You are. Somehow, because of the miracle of grace, we have seen who You are more perfectly.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

It was a magnificent sculpture. It was funded by the city council, and the entire community was going to gather together for the unveiling of this incredible sculpture. It was crafted by the most talented sculptor in the country, and it depicted the heritage of this little town as possibly nothing else could.

At last, the big day arrived. Next to the sculpture was a somewhat smaller one that had been in the city square for years before. Imagine, if you will—you have to use your imagination in this class; I know that—a conversation between these two pieces of molded, twisted steel. Got it?

These two sculptures are talking to each other. The new one says, “Well, this is my big day. There’s no one in his right mind in this town who won’t be here today to see my unveiling and to honor me. I only wish my dad could be here. He’s a beam in an ocean

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liner, you know.” “No, I didn’t know,” the smaller piece of twisted metal responded. “Mine was last seen going inside a 40-story office building as a brace. He seems to be holding up fine, though I haven’t heard from him. Hard to get mail past all that concrete, you know.”

At last, the moment arrived. “Just wait until you hear my speech,” Sammy Sculpture boasted. “I’ve been waiting for weeks to read it.”

“You’re kidding, of course,” little Willy Once-Was answered. “They aren’t interested in you. They’ll look at you, but they’ll praise the one who made you. You can’t do anything but stand there and keep from rusting. It was the one whose hands fashioned you who deserves the glory. Never once has someone praised me in all these years. I’m just an example of my creator’s work. He gets the praise. I’m not worthy of praise. I’m his handiwork.” With that the little sculpture turned one last time to his new counterpart and said, “Get it straight, Sammy. You’re not the main attraction. Your job is to point to the one who is; the one who made you. He deserves the glory. You are his workmanship, not your own.”

Down the street at the Metropolitan Art Gallery, a similar conversation was taking place. Keep your imagination working. Two pieces of beautiful art were being shown by a famous artist. The two paintings were arguing over which of the two was the most beautiful. “I am,” said Larry Landscape. “Look at the depth of my colors. Look at the ocean. I am so proud of my sky. You just have people and places. No one wants to look at those.”

Freddy Family Pic responded, “It doesn’t matter what’s painted on me. I’m just a piece of canvas. What I become will depend on whether or not people who see me like what my creator did. I’m not to be praised. Just wait until the crowd arrives. You’ll see.” And sure enough, they did.

Now I know what you’re thinking, if you’re thinking. You’re thinking paintings and sculptures don’t talk. Right? And you’re right, but people do. And people forget that they are no more a work of art to be recognized and applauded than those twisted pieces of steel or those delicately crafted works of art. The praise belongs to the one whose workmanship they are. The one who designed them. The one who sculpted them. The one who painted them. They are

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the ones to be praised. They did it. The canvas didn't reach out and grab a little paint and say, "Try it here." The metal didn't twist and turn on its own and say, "This will look better."

It all began in the creator's mind and it all ended in the creator's hands. And, beloved, until we as Christians come to understand that concept, we will miss the essence of grace just as much as they did. His workmanship, and nothing else. Praise God, for anything less would only be worthy of the junkheap of life. Anything less than His handiwork and His workmanship, will never make it into the museum of eternity nor draw the plaudits of men to the real Creator.

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His workmanship; oh, what a thought;
And, oh, that more clearly our hearts might be taught
That glory accrues not to what we have done;
All glory belongs to God's precious Son.

And whatever we do, our hearts must cry out
His workmanship, never a doubt;
Calling for men to but look on His face
And praising His name, sing only of grace.

Grace, that's what this series is all about. And that's what life is all about when you think about it. Life is all about a loving God who could not let a corrupted, rebellious creation die in their sins. He possessed a quality called "love." It's a quality that simply would not let us walk away, so He determined that it didn't matter what it cost Him, it would have to be free and undeserved to us. So, He died in our place. Now He lives in us to work through us. We are His workmanship.

Thus, our study of Ephesians, chapters one and two, moves now to its transitional phase. We're going to see grace for the next few lessons as a trinity of expression, and like the Trinity, though each facet stands on its own, they are indivisible.

Paul is writing a letter to the churches in Asia Minor. Though he is trapped in one of life's prisons, he not only seems to be content there, he's excited to be there, because God has put him there to carry on a written revelation of the mind of God, which is to literally become the Word of God. And the focus of that treatise

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is on that one word, “grace.” It just keeps popping up everywhere. And as it does, it produces a new picture, a new facet of its truth.

In this lesson, we’re going to be turning a corner and heading toward what I trust in this series, will become a more practical look at the day-to-day expressions of grace in your life and in mine. We’re going to take them individually, and walk through them. But it’s important that we are careful to keep it together and understand that we really cannot separate the two, though they are different. We don’t want the magnitude of what God has done to be separated from the magnitude of what God is doing. They are a continuation, a progression of the same thing. What it means is, that God has redeemed us, so He could renew us, so He could reproduce us. Those are the three levels. It’s a miracle. New life. New power. New ministry. It’s all of grace.

For the sake of today’s study, we will be looking at Ephesians 1:1 to 2:10. But, we’re not going to see it in sequence, we will divide it into three categories. The title of today’s study is “His Workmanship.” It is in three parts. Part one is *You He Made Alive: The Fire Is Ignited*. Part two is *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul: The Flame Grows*. And Part three is *His Workmanship: The Light Spreads*.

YOU HE MADE ALIVE: THE FIRE IS IGNITED

The basic theme of grace is an absolute, death to life. It’s important. You may not see it at first. Nothingness to everything, bondage to freedom, hell to heaven. You have to understand that. It is a portrait of absolutes. It is not, maybe anything. Grace is final. Once you were lost, now you are, maybe saved? No. Once you were lost; now you are found. Once you were bound for an eternity apart from God; now you are eternally guaranteed a home in heaven where moth and rust cannot corrupt, and where thieves cannot break through and steal (Matthew 6:19). Grace is absolute. That is why you must be born again. If I were to ask you this morning, how many of you know someone who is almost saved, I hope you wouldn’t raise your hand. Because no one is almost converted. You are either dead or alive; lost or found. No place in Scripture do you find anyone wandering in between the two. At any moment, you should know exactly where you stand with God.

The reason it is so clear, is that God decided the best analogy

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for salvation would be death and life. Think about it. Do a study through the Scriptures and see how many places you will find death to life is given as your illustration of the difference between being born again and lost. The reason is, no one ever mistakes the two. You know if you are alive or dead, I hope. So, Paul makes sure that we understand that before grace can flow, we must pass from death to life. The first passages of Scripture go like thiseth.

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In whom we have redemption [the finished work] through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
(Ephesians 1:6,7)

And you hath he quickened, [He made alive] who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us [made us come alive] together with Christ...

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

(Ephesians 2:1,5,8,9)

Did you get it? You got it; I can tell. Either that or the coffee is strong this morning. I think you got it! You, He made alive. You were once dead; now you're not. You lived for Satan; now you don't. And we were all dead in trespasses and sins, and all of us He made alive. And then he literally shouts it out. "Dear God, You made us come alive. You saved us. That's what You did." It was acquired by faith, but even the faith was a gift. There are no works involved.

So, for the flame to be ignited and for our dead spirits to be brought to life, something supernatural had to happen. Nothing naturally we could do would even help, let alone cause death to turn to life. No dead man can bring himself to life. That makes no sense. Can you see the cadaver waving to the doctor and saying, "Give me some penicillin; I want to come to life?" No. I hope not. God had a better idea. You He made alive. That's what the Scripture says. You He brought to life. He took your dead human spirit, replaced it with His Holy Spirit, and breathed into you the breath of life. Paul said, "You, he made alive. Then he adds again and again, "By grace are ye saved."

Now, I want to give you a couple formulas; I know you don't like

formulas, but you get this one anyway. Grace plus nothing equals life. Grace plus anything equals nothing. One more time. Grace plus nothing equals life. Grace plus anything equals nothing. Because without it you are dead, and a dead man can't assist in his own autopsy, let alone in his own resurrection.

You He made alive. Get the significance of it. You were dead. No hope. No life. No power. No joy. Then Jesus came. And He gave you grace, totally undeserved and totally free. It's the greatest gift ever given to man. You, He made you alive. Paul isn't implying that some were dead and some weren't. What he is saying is, all were dead until grace came. And to be sure we understand that, he said, "Even when we were *all* dead in sins, we, He made alive." Anyone who is spiritually alive was once spiritually dead. That's what he said. No one missed the cut. No one slipped by on their good works or their good looks. All were dead. Now those who are alive have been made alive. He did it. He did it alone. So let me remind you, death and life. No one can mistake the two. No one can say there is a third option, not in the physical realm and certainly not in the spiritual realm. You, He made alive. We, He made alive. Got it?

HEAVEN CAME DOWN AND GLORY FILLED MY SOUL:
THE FLAME GROWS

But that was just the beginning of grace, and that is where our series takes a right turn and moves into the life of the Christian to see what happens when grace begins to flow in us and through us. It's going to change the way we live if we'll let it. For one thing, our self-confidence and self-focus is going to be washed away into a sea of grace. All of our worth and worthiness is going to be erased in an ocean of God-centeredness and Christ-controlled existence. We are going to abdicate trying to do in the flesh what God wants to do in the Spirit, and our life becomes a life of faith. And that faith is the victory. But it's a process, and we have to let it happen.

Salvation by grace is so much more than a free ticket to heaven. It is that, but it's a working prescription for an abundant life; a life so different that the very pressures that make life a burden to the non-Christian, become valves that release the divine power called grace. The very same pressures become catalysts to change us.

The process of being changed is what Paul turns to now. As he begins, we read Ephesians 1:8,9; 17-21, and then chapter 2,

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verses 6,7.

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

(Ephesians 1:8,9)

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: (Ephesians 1:17-21)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

(Ephesians 2:6,7)

Phase two—Christ has redeemed you by grace. Did you deserve it? No. It was undeserved, free, sovereign, and eternal. F-U-S-E. You have been born again and are now a new creature in Christ. Now, this same grace becomes a vehicle to set you apart as the new creature you are, changing you more and more progressively into Christ's likeness. You have received the gift. You have experienced the gift indwelt. Now, Christ living inside of you takes your mind, your body, and your emotions, and inhabits them in such a way that He not only lives *in* you, but *through* you. Heaven comes down and glory fills your soul. Isn't that what you want?

The flame is lit. The fire begins to burn. Now the task of God is to make the flame glow until it burns so brightly that others look at you and see Him. Isn't that what we want? God takes us in His arms and begins to deliver grace in the same proportions we need at the times we need it. Look at what He has promised.

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1- All wisdom and prudence will be ours (verse 8). We will be able, because of this thing called grace, to actually think God's thoughts rather than our own. We will actually be able to exhibit a godly kind of wisdom the world cannot even understand, let alone duplicate. A situation comes into your life that normally would cause you to run away or lose it, or become unmanageable or angry, but something inside of you, some kind of supernatural power begins to work, and you respond with love instead of hate, and with joy instead of fear. What is happening? God is giving you grace.

2- God begins to unfold the mystery of His will (verse 9). You begin to see that the plans you have made are not God's plans at all. He has a secret plan for you. He has a plan that will literally change the course of your life, but it won't be by what you do, it will be by what He does. Neither will it be the kinds of things you thought would bring you success. In fact, it may be through the kinds of failures you thought you could never stand.

3- The eyes of your understanding begin to open and you see things in the Spirit realm. Heaven comes down and glory fills your soul (verse 18). You see strength coming out of weakness. You never saw that before. You see blessing coming from mourning, persecution, and misunderstanding. You never saw that before. You begin to experience the kind of power that raised Christ from the dead, and as you appropriate that power, heaven begins to open, and the spiritual battles taking place in the heavenlies now begin to mean something to you. You are in the conflict but you're not doing the fighting. You're winning but you're not struggling. God is fighting for us. Praise God. Heaven came down and glory filled our souls.

The amazing part of it is, all of this grace is taking place because of the very pressures in our lives that we once desperately ran away from. Here's how it works. Listen for a moment. God allows or brings pressure into our lives to test us. As He does, He intentionally allows us to be put in a position where what we need is something supernatural, and we just can't pull it off. In some cases, we can imitate it, but the real thing, the attitude and behavior that produces eternal fruit, we just can't do. So, either God does something, or it's hopeless.

If I were to go around with a roving microphone, this morning,

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and ask you what God has done in your life, I would probably get hundreds of different responses that would fall into several different categories. But either way, as grace enters the picture, even though we do not deserve it, we know it is available. We are told to ask for it. When we do, something incredible happens. God, now living in us, actually begins to release through us, the same incredible power that raised Christ from the dead. Set free in us, it begins to do things we couldn't do on our own. Something else happens. As He does it instead of us, our faith begins to grow; our hope changes from that which we can do to that which God can do. Our perspective changes. Heaven matters; earth doesn't. Spiritual things become more important; temporal things become less important. We are being changed by God's amazing grace.

Let me give you some examples. Maybe you're in a place where you must endure pain or hardship. Nothing you do in the physical realm gives any peace or hope. So, you pray for God to remove the circumstances or ease the pain. Sometimes, He does. But sometimes instead, He gives *enduring grace*. He supernaturally gives us the ability to stand in the midst of the pain or suffering and actually see His hand in it, and begin to grow more into His likeness.

Here's another illustration. A loved one faces death, and we cry out to God, "No, no, Lord, don't let it happen. Don't take him." Don't take her." And sometimes, He doesn't. But what about the times when it is that person's time to go home? What does He do? He releases *comforting grace*. Many of you have experienced it. I know that I have just in the last year, or so. There is sorrow, yes, but there is an uncanny power you can't explain. There's a sense of comfort, a sense of peace you've never known before. It's comforting grace.

Maybe you have been abused or persecuted or misunderstood. You've been told to love your enemies and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely (Matthew 5:44). You try, but the more you try, the more bitter you become. Finally, one day in agony, you cry out for the grace to love those people. The next day you pass them on the street and your heart goes out to them. You suddenly have a different response to the very same people who tried to hurt you. And suddenly the words of Jesus, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad,

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for great is your reward in heaven” (Matthew 5:12), begins to fill your mind.

Then you hear Him say, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). And you begin to think about their problems instead of yours, and their needs instead of yours. You wake up a few days later and find yourself praying for them; doing good to them. It can’t be you. It isn’t. It is God. God works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). He is giving you *agape grace*. He is giving you the freedom; the enabling power to love those you could never love before.

Maybe you are placed under severe authority where you work—most people think they are—or at home. It seems like nothing you do is right and you are ready to quit. No one appreciates you (sob, sob). One morning on the way to work, you cry out to God, “Lord, I give up. Nothing I do seems to be good enough. God, you take over. Give me the grace to submit.”

You almost forgot that you prayed it. But go into work, and the same boss does the same unreasonable things. But something is different. This verse comes to mind:

If ye do well, and suffer for it and take it patiently, this pleases
the heart of God. (I Peter 2:19-21 author’s paraphrase)

Suddenly, a supernatural power comes over you. You see your boss as the hand of God testing you. He corrects you for something you didn’t even do. Quietly, you submit. What happened? What changed? God gave you a boatload of *submissive grace*. You were enabled, supernaturally, to do what you could not do naturally—submit to unjust authority. Once you reached the place of desperation apart from God and cried out to Him, He who lives in you submitted for you. The Scripture says; of Him it was written:

Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things
which He suffered. (Hebrews 5:8)

Maybe your problem is temptation and impure thoughts and you have fought the battle for years and lost. A situation comes up and you’re extremely vulnerable. You know it’s coming. You know you can try again in your own energy, or you can give up. So, you cry out to God, “I am unclean and I dwell in the midst of a people with unclean lips. God be merciful to me” (Isaiah 6:5). And you walk into that situation that you thought there was no way you

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could handle, and it's as though you "stiff-arm" it and walk around it. You don't even entertain the thoughts. Later on, you look back and say, "What happened?" I'll tell you what happened. God heard your cry and He gave you *the grace of holiness*.

There are no limits. Maybe your problem is the tongue. You've never been able to curb your gossip or your sarcasm. You know it's sin. You see it as impossible. But one day, you cry out to God in anguish and say, "Oh, dear God, I did it again." I damaged someone's reputation needlessly. Dear God, give me grace." And something happens.

It's as though a sentinel is put at the doorpost of your tongue. God puts heavenly tape over your mouth, and the things you would have said, you don't say. Suddenly you wake up and say, "I don't understand it. I've got self-control. It isn't self, beloved. God has given you *controlling grace*.

HIS WORKMANSHIP: THE LIGHT SPREADS

In the lessons to come we are going to take some of these expressions of grace one at a time, and see how individually, we can apply these principles. We will ask God, and watch God as His amazing grace changes us into the likeness of Christ. I pray that will lead us to the final phase, which is the grace that changes others' lives.

With that, we will take our third and final batch of Scriptures.

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

(Ephesians 2:2,3,10)

That's the final chapter. Once we were, now we're not. Once we did, now we won't. Why? Because we are His workmanship. Like that painting and that sculpture in the opening illustrations, we have caught a glimpse of who we are in Christ. We are His workmanship, and that totally captivates our hearts. Not only is

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our character changing, our ministry is changing.

The reason is, that even the transforming of our nature will not call attention to us, but to Him. As that happens, the grace that flows through us will be like a beacon, leading others to Christ. In fact, Matthew 5:14-16 says that exact thing.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:14-16)

We are the lights that light up the lives of those who live in darkness. If we are really being flooded with grace and not operating in our own energy, but in His, our presence will be the glow of God's presence, and the glory of God will shine through us. As light enters, darkness flees. As light envelops, darkness disappears. We will be the lights, but we will not be The Light. The Light will be shining through us and can never be extinguished.

Our job, beloved, will be to let it shine. What will happen? They will see grace—God enabling us supernaturally, to do what we cannot do naturally. And when they see those works, those acts of grace, those demonstrations of love, those acts of servitude, they will not glorify us; they will immediately see the light and glorify the source of the light, who is God, Himself.

As our study proceeds to the third and final phase, we will look at what kinds of works the Holy Spirit does, and see how they ultimately bring glory to God, provided they are, what? All of grace. The key will be understanding this one thing. Beloved, we are His workmanship. He is the artist; we are the canvas. If we do the works, we are to be praised. If we are only His workmanship, He is to be praised. Satan has lots of ways to keep us from standing on that solid ground. He has many ways for us to do “good things” for God.

Beloved, you can't do anything for God. He needs nothing but surrender and obedience. As you surrender, heaven comes down and glory fills your soul. As you obey, the light begins to penetrate

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the darkness even as the glory of God shone in the wilderness. And men seeking to find their way out of the desert of despair will see our good works, which will be nothing more than grace revealed, and glorify the Father.

I want to close, this morning, by asking you a very simple question, but it's not a simple question. Are you truly willing, beginning today, to become the canvas upon which God paints, or will you insist on helping with the painting?

It is not a trivial question. Wrapped up in your response is the issue of real Lordship. Grace is free. It is unmerited. It is sovereign. It is eternal. You cannot add to it or it is no longer grace. It is total, complete, and needs nothing to make it work, and anything you try to add causes it to cease.

But Satan has an antidote for grace. It's called spiritual pride. If he can convince us that God needs us or that God didn't really mean what He said, we block the flow of grace, and God begins to resist us, according to the Scripture, because of our pride, instead of giving us the grace He gives to the humble.

So, I'm going to ask you one more time. Are you ready to become nothing more than a canvas, and let God paint for the rest of His days? It will be the rest of your days, as well, because canvas needs expend no energy. The job of the canvas is to stay in place and let the Master create whatever image He chooses on you.

For some it may be one of ease and grace, with very little to disturb the mind. For others it may be one of transition and change. It may cause people to examine and rethink their preconceived thoughts. For still others, it may be a portrait of a raging storm, with fierce winds blowing across a stormy sea; an image so real the canvas itself seems to shake from the force of it.

But either way, it will be God's workmanship. And it will be so yielded to the Master's touch that it will not flinch when He makes a sharp movement or sweeps across the horizon, and seems to erase what you considered to be your most beautiful scene. You see, He will have in His mind, a picture of what He wants to create. It will be beautiful, so beautiful that men will look at it and actually see the reflection of the Artist.

Imagine that! Imagine coming to that place where people see you and recognize Him. It's called a "family resemblance." It's not

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hard in physical families to look at Junior and see Mom and Dad. But in the Spirit realm, the image is eternal, and the reflection is one of character. It takes a lifetime for that image to appear. It happens from one degree of glory to another.

Wouldn't you like to be like Moses as he came down from that mountaintop? Wouldn't you like that glory to so shine from your face that others will see the glowing light of the grace of God and be drawn to Him instead of to you? Then, beloved, start this week. Ask God to let you become a sheet of canvas. Ask Him to erase or cover over all of the works you have done and begin again with the brushstrokes of His grace, creating something so awesome, something so incredibly Christlike, that anyone and everyone who looks at you will simply say:

His workmanship, pure and true,
I see Jesus when I look at you.
I see Him painting from heaven above,
A portrait of grace, of undying love.

I see His patience, abounding and free,
I see His mercy abounding to me.
He flows through your life in thousands of ways,
You are His workmanship, so He's to be praised.

Let's pray.

Our Father and our God,

I pray in my own heart, this morning, and that in the hearts of all whom You have touched, we would relinquish from our hands, the artist's brush, and lay it down. May we stop picking the colors and telling You what kind of scenes to paint, and just become grateful to be canvas upon which the Master Artist has chosen to paint a portrait of love.

By Your grace, precious Father, may we, this week, begin the process of becoming Your workmanship and nothing else. To Jesus be praise and honor and glory. Amen.

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A Challenge for Further Study

1- Cross-reference the words “dead” and “alive” in a concordance and see how many times they are used as an analogy for spiritual death and life. Why did God choose these words?

2 - Study the words “wisdom” and “prudence.” What do they mean? How can God give such things to us? Meditate on James 3:17.

3 - Read Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1:17-21. Now read Paul’s prayer in Colossians 1:9-15. What similarities do you see?

A Challenge to Application

1- Try to explain in your own words how enabling grace can be free, and yet we are to ask for it. Can you give a practical example of something in this life that is free *upon request*?

2- Reread pages 63-65 and see what patterns emerge as God gives us grace.

3- Ask God (pg 69) this week *every day* to help you become a willing piece of canvas. Set Him free to do the painting, setting you free to be *His Workmanship*.

4- Ask God to make clear the progression from saving grace to enabling grace to transferring grace as outlined in this study.

A Challenge to Scripture Memory and Meditation

1- Memorize Ephesians 2:10.

2- Look up, cross reference and meditate on the words: “Workmanship,” “Ordained,” and “Walk.” Write out verses 8-10 in your own words. (Paraphrase them) Pray them back to God as an anthem of thanksgiving that He wants you to be His workmanship.

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