

Ephesians 2 (Part 2) Discussion Questions

- **Read verses 8 and 9** and count how many ways the Apostle communicates that we cannot earn heaven by being good.
- How clear do you feel this passage is in conveying its message?
- In light of Ephesians 2: 8-9, why do you think so many people assume that a person must live a good life in order to obtain heaven?
- Why do you think legalistic Christian churches continue teaching that faith in Christ is not enough to be saved?
- Read **Romans 3: 23-24**. What agreement is there between our passage in Ephesians and this one in Romans. Be specific.
- Read **Romans 5:15**. What is Paul saying and how does it agree with Ephesians 2:8-9?
- Why is “**gift**” such an important word when it comes to describing our salvation?
- Read the 10 things listed in the message that people will often point to for why they are saved.

1. Confirmation
2. Baptism
3. Church membership
4. Church attendance
5. Holy Communion
6. Trying to keep the Ten Commandments (including keeping the Sabbath)
7. Living by the Sermon on the Mount
8. Giving to charity
9. Being a good neighbor
10. Living a moral, respectable life

How many of these (if any) have you ever relied on in the past?

- What can we do to hang on to the message of Ephesians 2:8-9?
- In verse 10 what is Paul saying about good works?

- What role does “good works” play in our salvation? (It is what we are called to do once we are saved.)