

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

### Ephesians 2:8-10

#### Grace Works

#### Background

- **Read Eph 1.** Note the appearances of *in Christ* and similar phrases.
- **Read Eph 2:1-10.** List the various ways in which God showed his grace to us.

#### Digging In

1. **Eph 2:8-10.** According to **verses 8-9**, what role did **faith** have in our salvation? What role did **works** have in our salvation?
2. Why is it that *no one can boast*?
3. How is the emphasis on God's sovereign grace carried through to v. 10?
4. If good works contribute nothing to our salvation, what role do good works have in the life of the believer?
5. What do you think Martin Luther meant by his statement, "We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone."
6. How is God's sovereignty seen in the good works that we do?
7. What are the implications of the phrase *which God prepared in advance for us to do*? (See also Titus 2:11-14)



#### Getting Personal

- **Read Eph 2:4-10 again.** Note the occurrences of *with Christ*, *with him*, and *in Christ Jesus*. Why is it important to keep our **union with Christ** in mind when it comes to doing good works?
- How does it encourage you to know that you are *God's workmanship*?
- How can the knowledge that we were *created in Christ Jesus to do good works* affect the way we live?
- What kind of good works do you enjoy doing?
- This coming week, ask God to help you be alert for the good works that he has prepared in advance for you to do.