

Ephesians Chapter 02 Questions

1. Read (Ephesians 2:1-3).
How does Paul describe our life before Christ?

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

2. Read (Ephesians 2:8-10).
What is the significance of the word *handiwork* in verse 10?
How would thinking of yourself as God's *masterpiece* affect the way you conduct your life?

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's *handiwork*, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

3. What good work is God giving you to do, with his power?
4. Read (Ephesians 2:14-18).
What does it mean to be reconciled to another person?
Why is reconciliation needed between God and man?

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

5. Why is reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles significant?
What culture divides need to be reconciled today?
6. What are you doing to help people be reconciled to God?