November 14, 2021 Ephesians 2:8-10 Bill Lent Firm Foundation Bible Study

"A WORK OF ART" (Ephesians 2:8-10)

I. Paul's greeting to the Church in Ephesus (1:1-2)

II. The Wealth of the Church (1:3-3:21)

A. Praise for Redemption (1:3-14)

B. Prayer for Enlightenment (1:15-23)

C. A Positional Change (2:1-10)

- a. The Past (2:1-3)
- **b.** The Present (2:4-7)
- c. The Prospect (2:8-10)

*What where we reminded about ourselves last time? And about God's work on our behalf?

1. Since God alone completed the work needed to save sinners, salvation from sin's penalty...

a. ... is offered on the basis of God's _____ (vs. 8).

b. ... is accepted only through the means of ______ alone (vs. 8).

**Principle to Ponder* #1: *Faith* ______ *is the only compatible response in receiving the* ______ *of God.*

c. ...does not originate within _____ (vs. 8).

d. ...is best compared to a _____ (vs. 8).

e. ...cannot be mixed with ______ (vs. 9).

*Principle to Ponder #2: By its very definition, grace cannot include _____, _______from sin, or _______for forgiveness as prerequisites for accepting Christ as Savior.

f. ...must give glory to ______ alone (vs. 9).

*Principle to Ponder #3: God's ______ is ultimately at stake as it relates to ______, faith, and works.

2. Since God alone completed the work needed to sanctify sinners, salvation from sin's power...

a. ...begins with our Author and ______ of spiritual life (vs. 10).

b. ...is most effective in view of the new position and _____ in Jesus Christ (vs. 10).

*Principle to Ponder #4: _____, design, and identity should _____ believers in a walk of dependence upon the Lord, ______ in good works.

c. ...should result in spiritual _____ and good works (vs. 10).

d. ...will manifest glory to God for His work and spiritual _____ (vs. 10).

*Principle to Ponder #5: God desires to not only _____ us by His grace but _____ us by His grace - and He desires to do the ______ for us!

*What are some important takeaways from this familiar passage?