

FROM MAJOR MESS TO MASTERPIECE

Series: Identity: Who We Are in Christ

(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)

- Ephesians 2:8-10 -

I. We are Saved BY God Alone (vss. 8-9)

▶ Grace: the \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation

▶ Faith: the \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation

Three Elements of Faith

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

II. We are Saved FOR God Alone (vs. 10)

▶ "Workmanship" - The \_\_\_\_\_ work of what  
God has done in you.

*Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. - John 1:12-13*

1. A Simple Step: \_\_\_\_\_

2. A Wonderful Result: \_\_\_\_\_

3. A Mysterious Truth: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. Picture verses 1-10 in your mind as a before-and-after comparison. What images do you see on the "before" side? What do you see on the "after" side?
3. From what you see in verses 8-10, discuss how much you agree or disagree with this statement: Faith is not so much something we must develop before we can be saved, but more a gift God gives us *because* He is saving us.
4. What actions can you say took place in your life today which would *not* have taken place if you did not have faith in God?
5. If you were arrested for being a Christian, what evidence would be used to prove the point?
6. On a scale of 1 (baby steps) to 10 (giant steps), how has your relationship with God progressed over the last year?