

■ **OUR OLD IDENTITY: DEAD, 2:1-3.**

• **What we were doing ...**

- ✓ Follow the world
- ✓ Follow the devil
- ✓ Follow the sons of disobedience
- ✓ Follow our lust and anger
- ✓ Just like everyone else

**Dead in our trespasses and sins.**

■ **OUR NEW IDENTITY: ALIVE, 2:4-7.**

• **What God did ...**

- ✓ Showed us his rich mercy
- ✓ Loved us with his great love
- ✓ Made us alive together with Christ
- ✓ Raised us up with Christ
- ✓ Seated us with Christ in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
- ✓ Made us eligible to receive the surpassing riches of his grace ... in Christ Jesus

**Alive together with Christ.**

■ **THE WORK OF SALVATION: ✓ All God, 2:8-9.**

- The result of the work of Jesus Christ: Our salvation!
- The result of our works: Nothing good.
- We can add nothing to the work of God in salvation: Not baptism, not church attendance, not good deeds, not morality, not ethics. Nothing we could do or have done resulted in our salvation. Only believe.

**God works and we believe.**

■ **THE WORK OF GOOD WORKS: We are his workmanship, 2:10.**

Now we work. Once we are “in Christ” we accept the good works that God has prepared for us.

**There is none who does good ...**

- (Romans 3:10-12) As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”

**8 For by grace you have been saved through faith;**

**and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;**

**9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

**10 For we are His workmanship,**

**created in Christ Jesus for good works,**

**which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.**