

“Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling”

Living Fearlessly in the Confidence of Grace – Part 2 (2:4-10)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the boundless riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 2:4-10

Boastful, Broken, or Bored?

Every person responds in one of three postures when presented with the mercy and grace God offers...and I want you to deeply consider the state of your inner posture.

Boastful

“This is not of yourselves...not a result of (your) works...”

- Boastful: Confident in the Life One Has Made For Themselves
- Counterfeits & Lies of this World Insulate You from Seeing Your Desperate Need for Mercy & Grace.
- Keeps you living in a undercurrent of fear trying to be good enough or in false security & arrogance.

Broken

Luke 18:9-14

Now He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and *began* praying this in regard to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, crooked, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ **But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to raise his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’** ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other one; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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“standing some distance away”

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1. *The life we made for ourselves (counterfeits) fails us.*

2. *We come face to face with our failure and our inner ugly brokenness.*

3. *We begin to hope and believe (faith) God may actually love us enough to keep loving us, and forgive us.*

His Masterpiece

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(Brittney’s Testimonial Video)

1. HIS Masterpiece
2. Stained Glass Brilliance
3. Epic Work Unhindered