

EPHESIANS

“Four Solas” (2:8-10) – Discussion Questions

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

1. *By grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone for God's glory alone.* What is your testimony of God's salvific work in your life? How did you come to faith in Christ Jesus?
2. Why is it essential to hold the doctrine of God's wrath against sinners? What is lost if we abandon it? Why does Paul keep emphasizing that salvation is totally God's doing? What is his practical aim?
3. God is sovereign and yet we are responsible. How do we maintain the proper biblical balance here? If someone said, “I've accepted Christ as my Savior, but I haven't decided yet to make Him my Lord,” what would you say? (not Lordship Salvation)
4. How does knowing that you are God's workmanship bring value and purpose to your life, and encouragement when things do not seem to be going the way they ought to be going? What is Paul's practical point in stating that God prepared beforehand the good works that we should do?
 - a. Read Titus 3:1–2, 8–11, 14. Paul urges Titus to help his people to: Vs. 1 – be ready for every good work; Vs. 8 – devote themselves to good works; Vs. 14 – devote themselves to good works. Why do you think Paul is so emphatic about good works? What is it about being human that we have to be reminded like this? What type of works does Paul warn against? (9–11)
 - b. What do you think are some of the good works that God has prepared for you to fulfill in your: Family? Community? Country? World?
 - c. What motivates you to do good works? Call of duty? Fear of God? Hope in Christ? Gratitude to God? To keep others happy? To serve others? Others?