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READ & DIG.

Passage: Ephesians 2

Read Ephesians 2. I hope this explains WHO and WHAT you are today. These 10 verses just jump right into the flow of God's plan of redemption from chapter 1.

Who. (V.1-3)

US. Ch 2 hits home by beginning with us and who we USED to be. How we formerly lived as sinful, sons/daughters of disobedience, living in our self made world of we are the most important, diving into our own lusts, desires of flesh and MIND (so yeah, even the things you think/watch and don't necessarily act on are sinful). If this is not in your past I PLEAD with you to understand redemption today, right now. Stop reading and call your leader! Ask questions. Seek advice. Let this be the OLD you!

What?(V.4-9)

And then verse 4, the two greatest words in the Bible to me so many times, But God. With His great love He loved/loves us with reached down into the middle of our yuck and nasty self made sin we were drowning in and pulled us up out of it and gave us life. In His kindness and grace He saved us through faith, nothing in us that we could do to get out of it, but God gave us the gift of life with Him. HEY! If this isn't you again, STOP. CALL A LEADER! or just CALL ON CHRIST!

Now What? (V.10)

You are a workmanship. You know you are a work in progress by God. We were created In Christ Jesus for good works. Good works can't save us. They don't keep us. Good works are evidence. You can't be a tractor just because you are sitting in a barn. A tractor is going to do tractor work to show it is a tractor. There are some serious actions and work it produces daily to show what it is. Same. You aren't a Christian because you were born and raised in a Christian home. You become a Christian when you receive the gift of redemption outlined yesterday and then again in verses 4-6 above. And because you receive that gift you now should have the desire to live and produce Christian actions. You can't help but live it out, because if you don't the Holy Spirit mentioned yesterday will make you miserable until you seek God's forgiveness for un-confessed sin. The idea of good works was planned before time even began, just like God's redemption story was planned before hand. Good works=evidence of Christ redemption plan working out in your life.

So What! (V.11-22)

These verses when read several times tend to say to me, unity. We can't have access to Christ on our own. There is not one nation or people that is above the other. God's saving plan was for all. He can break any barrier and wall down and bring us together as one body. There will be no strangers or foreigners. We all have the ability to be redeemed and united in Christ, who is the cornerstone; the one that sets the foundation of a building and stabilizes the entire thing~ yep that's Christ. How about that for timing today, huh? God's always on time.

Apply & GO

We may be different. We may look different. We may sound different. We may think different. We may act different. We may love different things. We may belong to different clubs. We may wear different clothes. We may have different friends. One thing is the same for ALL PEOPLES. V16 There's only ONE way to be reconciled to God. It is the same for ALL. We can be one people who love the same way through Christ. He is our foundation, our cornerstone. We must tell all people, even though we are different we can be the same. We can become Christ like and live for, in, and through Him. The ONE way.