

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED
A STUDY OF EPHESIANS
#4: YOU: FROM MESS TO MASTERPIECE
EPHESIANS 2:1-10
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All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)

I. HOW AM I A MASTERPIECE?

We say...

I'm not beautiful. I'm not a work of art.

He says...

But, I'm not finished with you yet.

The big corner over there doesn't look like it belongs.

But, I'm not finished with you yet.

This part is chipped and rough.

But, I'm not finished with you yet.

This section hasn't even been touched.

But, I'm not finished with you yet.

This surface needs to be sanded, smoothed, and polished.

But, I'm not finished with you yet.

Max Anders

For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.

Philippians 2:13 (TLB)

I'm convinced that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it through to completion on the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 (GWT)

Merriam-Webster Dictionary Definition of "Masterpiece"

"a work done with extraordinary skill - a supreme intellectual or artistic achievement"

To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I confess, absurd in the highest degree...

Charles Darwin

II. HOW DID I GO FROM A MESS TO A MASTERPIECE? - EPHESIANS 2:1-10

My...

1. Predicament without Christ (v.1-3)

- **Spiritually dead in sin**
- **Living the ways of the world**
- **Ruled by the devil**

We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

1 John 5:19 (NLT)

- **Gratifying our sinful nature**
- **Objects of God's wrath**

2. Provision by Christ (v.4-7)

- **Made alive with Christ**
- **Seated with Christ in the heavenly realms**
- **An example of His incomparable riches and kindness**

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6 (NLT)

3. Position in Christ (v.8-10)

My salvation is...

- **By grace through faith**
- **Not by anything I have done**
- **A gift of God**
- **Motivating me to do good things**