



EPHESIANS 2:1-10

By Grace You Have Been Saved.

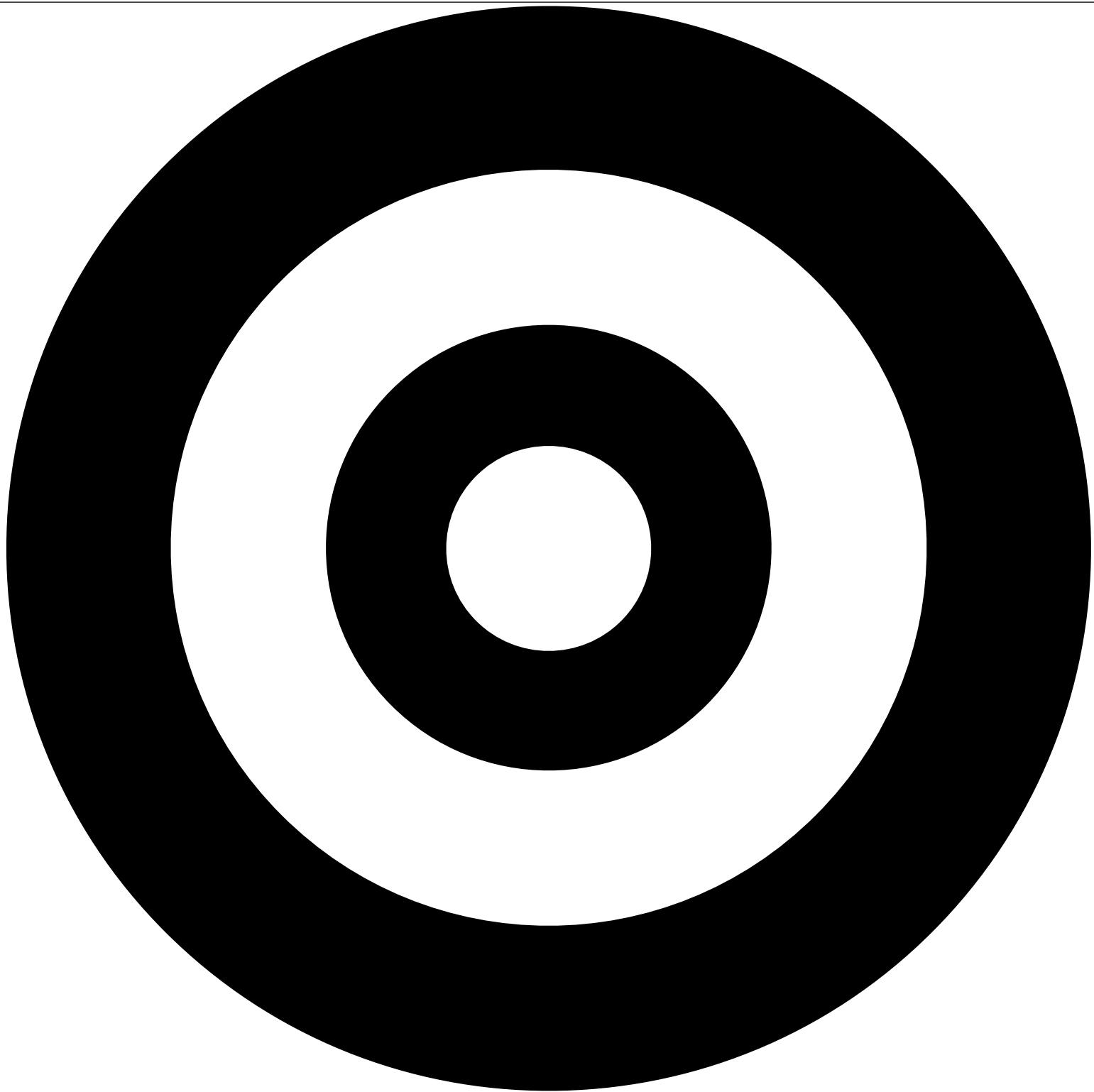
REVIEW.

- ◆ The book of Ephesians is divided into two parts:
 1. Every Spiritual Blessing (1-3).
 2. Walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received (4-6).
- ◆ Ephesians 1:1-14 lists many blessings received in Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Ephesians 1:15-23 is a prayer Paul prays for the Ephesians hoping they will understand how blessed they are in Christ Jesus.

YOU WERE DEAD.

- ◆ Gentiles *“were dead in your trespasses and sins”*.
 - ◆ trespass - rebellion by crossing a line.
 - ◆ sin - missing the mark you aimed for.
 - ◆ Led by the course of the world and Satan.
- ◆ Jews *“were by nature children of wrath”*.
 - ◆ Indulging in the lust and desires of the flesh.
 - ◆ Everyone is a child of wrath.

“...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
Romans 3:23



ALIVE WITH CHRIST.

- ◆ God's love and mercy in the *past* gave us life in the *present*, to be displayed in the future.
- ◆ Past - God's love and mercy was given as a gift before we believed, while we were still dead.
 - ◆ We in vs. 5 now points to Jews and Gentiles.
- ◆ Present - we are alive, and in Christ in heaven.
 - ◆ Although we are physically on earth we are represented in heaven by Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Future - we display God's grace and kindness.

BY GRACE.

- ◆ What is God's gift to us, grace or faith?
 - ◆ Both - Romans 12:3.
 - ◆ Because grace and faith are given as a gift we can not boast that we have earned salvation.
- ◆ **This is the most amazing concept in the Bible.**
- ◆ Now that we are recipients of God's grace, we become the instruments of God's good work.

"Even so faith, if it has now works is dead"
James 2:17

APPLICATION.

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

Joshua 1:8

- ◆ Do you do good works to receive God's grace or because you have received God's grace?
- ◆ Keep your eyes open this week for opportunities to do the good works God has prepared for you.