



February 1st
"Dude, Where's My Church?"
"Work of Art"

Big Idea: Grace Expressed is God's Greatest Masterpiece.

A beautiful piece of art is truly a sight to see. It is mind-boggling how valuable a piece can be. The value is derived from an artist taking something not there and creating a new reality. God too is an artist. His artistry is seen in His Creation. Every day we are witnesses to his creativity. God's greatest work of art is not the sunset or a majestic mountain range. It is His Grace Expressed in us. This lesson will examine the picture of grace and its elements. We will see that we are His "Work of Art."

Open it: What is the most stunning work of art you have seen or observed? What are some of the most beautiful or amazing works of art you have seen in God's creation?

Dig It: Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

1. Verses 1-3. What are some of the descriptions of our identity before God's Grace? In order to understand the gospel we must first understand clearly our standing without God. Discuss the difference between improvements in our life versus a brand new life.
2. Verses 4-6. In these verses what is our work in God's gift to us? How is this "good news?" **Read Romans 6:3-4 and observe how these verses reveal the good news.**
3. Verse 7. What is the purpose stated in this verse of God revealing His Grace to us?
4. Verses 8-9. How can we "boast" in our salvation? What is the danger in doing so?
5. Verse 10. As was said in the lesson this week. His "workmanship" can also be translated His "masterpiece" or "work of art." Do you see yourself as a "masterpiece?"

Reflect on it:

1. How has your concept of being saved by Grace changed over the years?
2. Who do you know that is a "work of art?" A person in whom God has done an amazing thing
3. Who has blessed you with action that was "poetry in motion?" How can you be "God's Workmanship" to your family, in your work, in this group?

Do it:

1. Pray that we can understand and live out God's Grace.
2. Pray that God will reveal Himself in our church in His People?

