

Message Outline

The Making of a Masterpiece

Ephesians 1:1-2:10



Intro: Suspend summer series one week to study weeklong VBS theme verse...

v.1a—Paul’s journey with Jesus: from fighting to writing Christians...

v.1b—“faithful,” not flawless...

v.2—Grace and peace...overflow of faith.

v.3-14—One long run-on sentence in Greek...

a) God’s *Personality*: to bless (v.3 Gen.1:27-28).

b) God’s *Purpose*: “holy/blameless” v.4.
-Holy/blameless is the truly blessed life!

c) God’s *Password*: “through Jesus” v.5
(see also “in Christ” references in v.3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 etc.).

v.7-10—The Rescue...

v.11-14—The Rehab: 1) hear the truth 2) believe in Jesus 3) sealed with Spirit (v.13).

v.15-23—Prayer for church: gratitude (v.16), wisdom/revelation (v.17), hope (v.18), experience God’s power (v.19-20), ordering of life under Christ authority (v.21-23).

2:1-10—Construction of the Christian life...

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1) The C_____ of B_____ v.1-3

- Michelangelo’s *David* made from poor marble...

- Mess of mankind worse than marble: “sin”

2) God’s P_____ C_____ of R_____ v.4-5

- “But God...”: the great game changer!

- God’s favorite color red? Love and blood (1Jn.4:16, 1Jn.3:16, Eph.1:7-8, Jn.3:16).

3) The F_____ of F_____ v.8-10

- Love demands a response...faith as our response to love (v.8).

- Faith for public viewing (v.10, Jms.2:14ff., Heb.11).