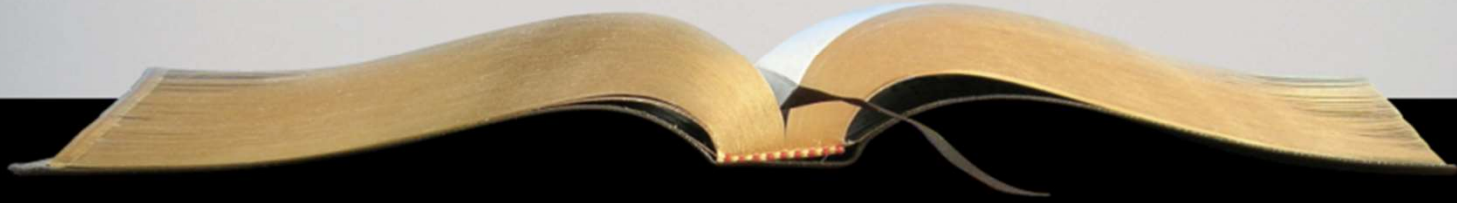


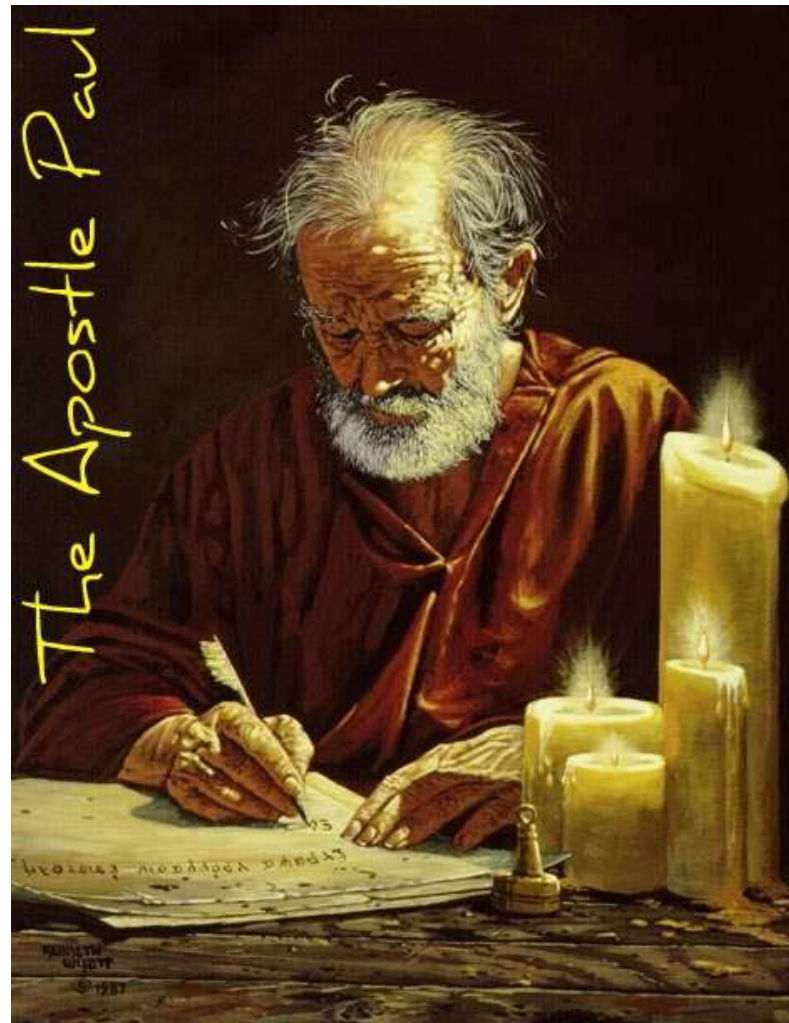
[Ephesians]

Lesson 3

**Paul Wrote About the Believer's
Past, Present, and Future
(Ephesians 2:1-10)**



1. Paul Wrote About the Believer's Past



(Eph 2:1) And *you* hath he (*God*) quickened
(*made alive*), who were dead in
trespasses (*wrong ways*) and *sins*;

[Eph 1:19-20] God's same great power which raised Jesus from death, also made us spiritually alive.

[Rom. 5:12] In our past we were dead.

Through Adam death spread to all.

"trespasses" = go our own way; NOT go God's way

"sins" = miss God's perfection

[Rom. 3:23] *"For all have sinned and come short (*miss*) of the glory of God (*perfection*)"*

(Eph 2:2) *Wherein (trespasses and sins) in time past ye walked (did) according (same) to the course (way) of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit (Satan) that now worketh in the children of disobedience (Satan's family):*

*The world goes in many wrong ways; the world is in rebellion against God.

*Satan and his demons are evil spirits that work to lead people in wrong ways and rebellion.

(Eph 2:3) Among *whom* (“children of disobedience”) also we all had our *conversation* (*doing*) *in times past* in the *lusts* (*evil wants*) of our *flesh* (*body*), fulfilling (*doing*) the *desires* (*wants*) of the *flesh* and of the *mind*; and were by *nature* (*birth—from Adam*) the children of wrath (*anger*), even *as others*.

[Rom. 8:5-8] The unsaved— “in the flesh” are enemies of God and always do things against God.

It is impossible for the unsaved to make God happy.

[John 3:36] Jesus said that people who do NOT believe on Him (*Jesus*) are “*under God’s wrath*.”

Our Past

*We were separated (**dead**) from God because of trespasses and sins.

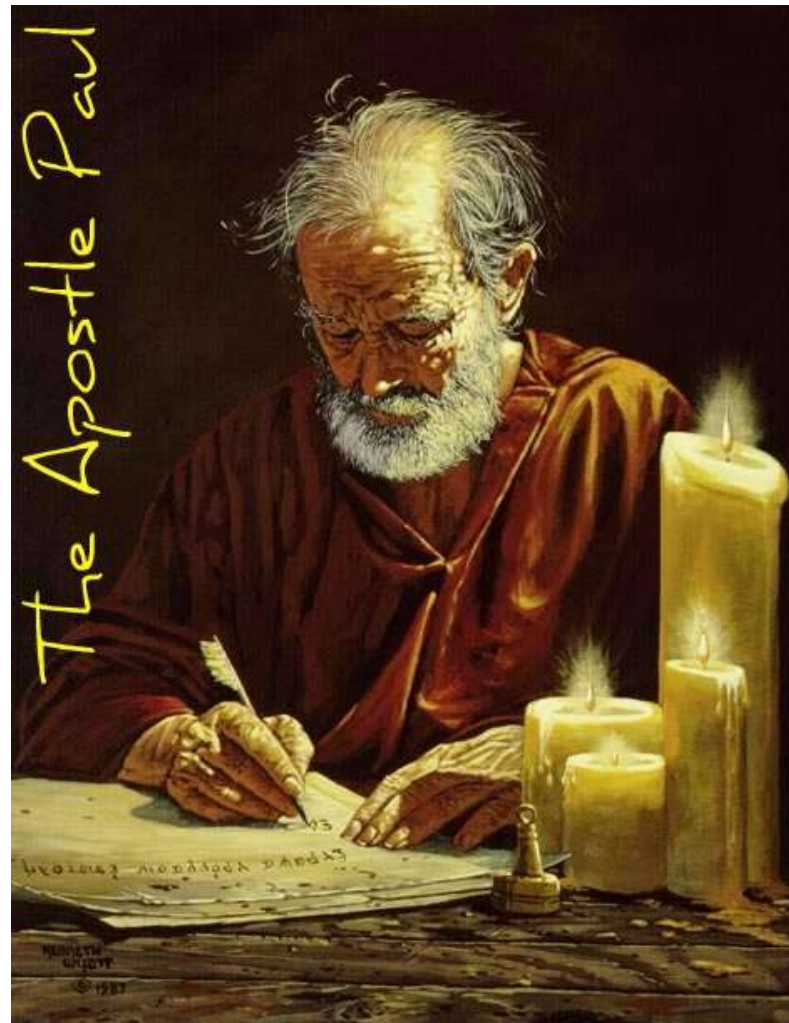
*We were guided and controlled by the ways of this world and Satan.

*We were continually living in rebellion to God.

*We were under God's wrath.

We were without hope.

2. Paul Wrote About the Believer's Present (now)



(Eph 2:4) **But** God, who is rich in mercy,
for his great love wherewith he loved
us, (5) Even when we were dead in sins,
hath quickened (*made alive*) us together
with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) (6)
And hath raised us up together, and
made us sit together in heavenly places
in Christ Jesus:

*Now we are spiritually alive.

*Now our riches and place is kept in Heaven.

...Because we are “in Christ”.

(Rom 8:17) *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

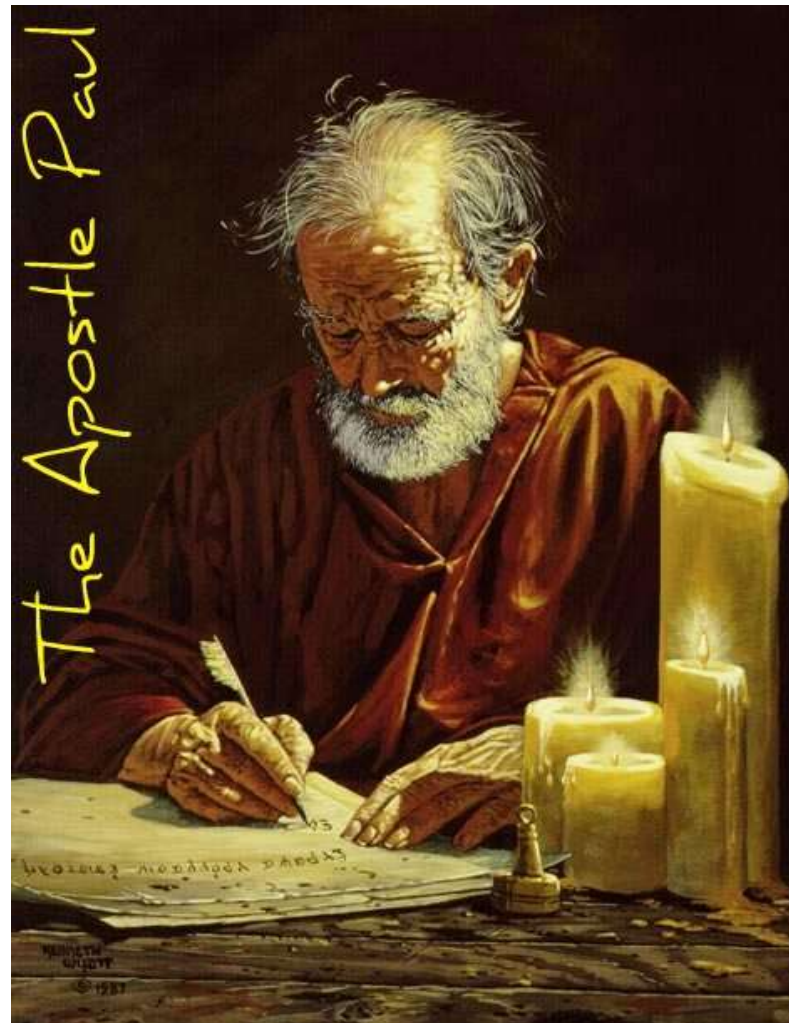
(18) *For I reckon (think—answer) that the sufferings of this present (now) time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall (future) be revealed (shown) in us.*

*We now have a broken home (**suffering**), but Jesus now is keeping a new home (**glory**) for us.

From our new home (**glory**), Jesus provides even now what we need—spiritual blessings.

1. Chosen before creation to be holy
2. Adopted as children of God
3. Accepted in God's Beloved Son
4. Forgiven and Redeemed
5. Knowledge of God's Plan
6. Full Inheritance with Jesus kept in Heaven
7. Holy Spirit in us as God's promise (earnest)

3. Paul Wrote About the Believer's Future



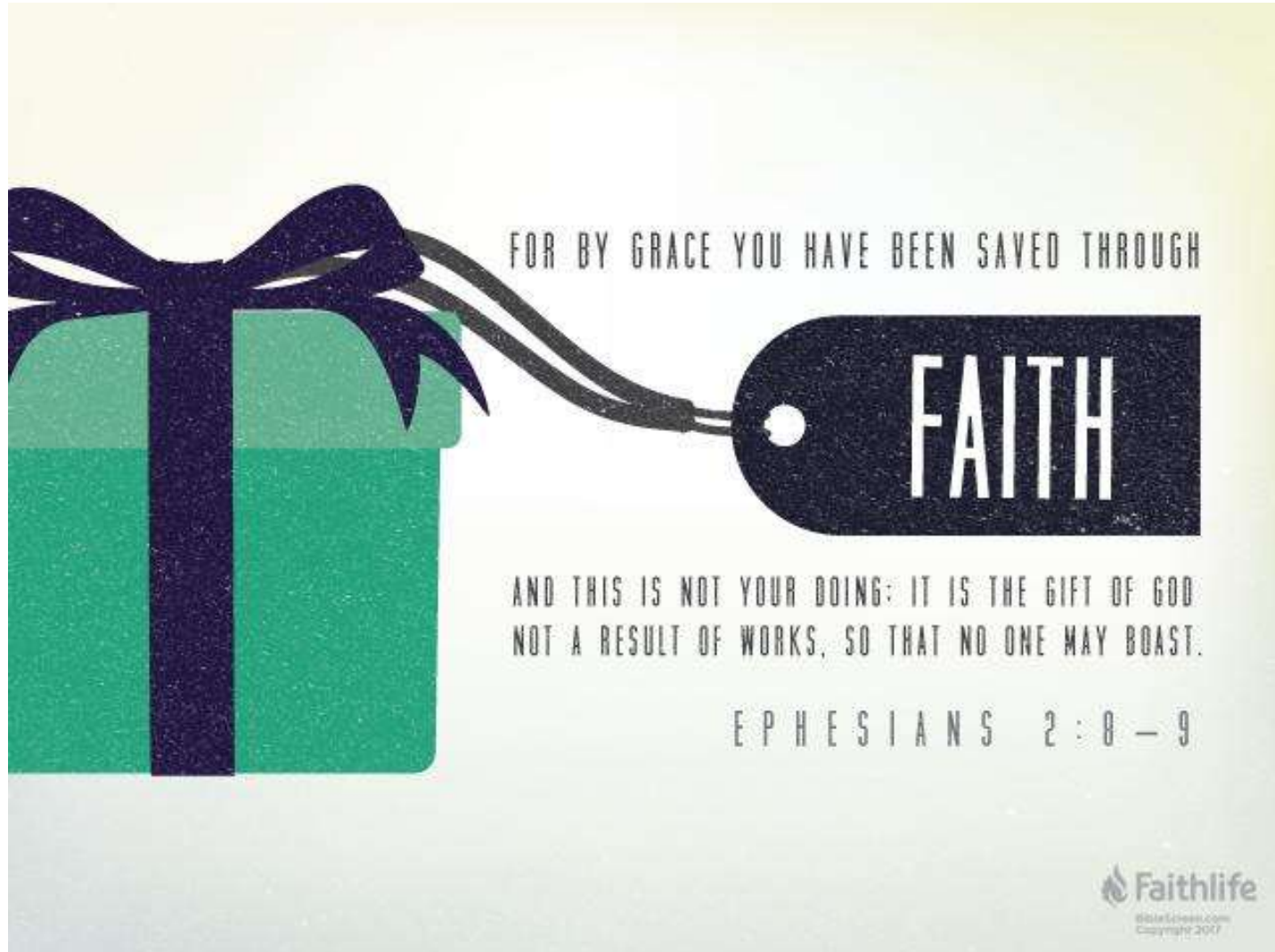
(Eph 2:7) *That in the ages (time) to come (future) he might shew the exceeding (much) riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

*For all eternity

*God will show us how much He loves us.

*...Because of Jesus

4. The Believers' Salvation Is God's Work



(Eph 2:8) For by **grace** are ye **saved** **through faith**; and that **not of yourselves**: **it (salvation)** is the **gift of God**:
(9) **Not of works**, lest any man should boast (**pride**).

(Rom 6:23) For the wages of **sin (our works)** is death; but the **gift of God** is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Eph 2:10) *For we are his workmanship (creation), created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (good works—holy—God’s way).*

[2 Cor 5:17] We are a “new creature” in Christ...
“old things are passed away; behold all things are become new”.

[Rom 8:28-29] God’s plan for us is to be
“conformed (made) to the image (same) of his Son”.

