**1** And you were dead
 in the trespasses and sins

 **2**in which you once walked,
 following the course of this world,
 following the prince of the power of the air,
 the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
**3**among whom we all once lived
 in the passions of our flesh,
 carrying out the desires of the body and the mind,
 and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**4**But God,
 being rich in mercy,
 because of the great love with which he loved us,
 **5**even when we were dead in our trespasses,
 made us alive together with Christ
 —by grace you have been saved—
 **6**and raised us up with him and
 seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
 **7**so that in the coming ages
 he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness
 toward us in Christ Jesus.
**8**For by grace
 you have been saved
 through faith.
And this is not your own doing;
 it is the gift of God,
 **9**not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
**10**For we are his workmanship,
 created in Christ Jesus for good works,
 which God prepared beforehand,
 that we should walk in them.