

**Series: Partners on the Journey**  
**Message: Created for Christ to Serve Others**  
**Text: Ephesians 2:1-10 (AM 1/24/10)**

Contemporary Christianity in our culture is really hamstrung by a problem with *focus*. Most of our observations about life evolve from a myopic view of the universe. Events and decisions are *measured* by how they impact the *quality of our lives* instead of the *expansion of His Kingdom*. Paul challenged the Church at Ephesus to become *God centered* in their view of life. With our eyes on Jesus we'll look for ways to realize our potential as His Workmanship *Serving Others* through His Church.

During the month of January we've been examining each of the *four steps* of our Journey. We've been encouraged to take *inventory of our lives*. Remember the Journey is *not a goal* but a *process*. Are you *fully engaged* in the process of becoming a *fully devoted Christ follower*?

- Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – *Chosen by Christ to Love God* (1:1-14) Key 12
- Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – *Called by Christ to Share Life* (1:15-23) Key 15
- Today 24<sup>th</sup> – *Created for Christ to Serve Others* (2:1-10) Key 10
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – *Citizens for Christ to Show Jesus* (2:11-22) Key 18 & 17

**I. Walking in the World (1-3)**

*Before the Cross we were deceived*

- We were *spiritually dead* – “*Who were dead in trespasses...*” (1)
- We were *serving the devil* – “*Once walked according to ...this world*” (2)
- We were *sons of disobedience* – “*The sons of disobedience...*” (3)

**II. Walking in His Wealth (4-9)**

*Through the Cross we were delivered*

- God in Christ *delivered* us – “*...Dead in trespasses, made us alive*” (5)

- God in Christ delights in us – *“His kindness toward us in Christ...” (7)*
- God in Christ deposits us – *“By Grace you’ve been saved...a gift” (8)*

### III. **Walking in His Work (10)**

*By the Cross we discover our destiny*

- God has designed us – *“For we are His workmanship” (10a)*
- God is developing us – *“Created in Christ Jesus for good works” (10b)*
- God has deployed us – *“God prepared...that we should walk in them”*

**Application:** Those that actively *Love God and Share Life* naturally look for ways to *Serve Others*. If God has *placed* you here He wants you *plugged in!*