

The Book of Ephesians

The church that impacts the world



Ephesians 2:1-10



The Father's Path to Spiritual Life



**There are only two
paths**



Path # 1

Dead in transgressions & sins

Path # 1

Transgressions: the action of going beyond or overstepping some moral boundary or limit.

Path # 1

Sins: To miss the mark. Driven
by something inside us.

Path # 1

- Followed the ways of the world.
- Ruler of the kingdom of the air, the one at work in those who are disobedient.
- Gratifying the cravings of our flesh
- Following the flesh's desires and thoughts
- We by nature deserve wrath

Path # 2

- Path of grace
- His great love for us
- Who is rich in mercy
- Made us alive with Christ
- Saved us by grace

Path # 2

- Because of God...
- Raised us up with Christ
- Seated us with Christ in the heavenly realms “in Christ”
- We are God’s handiwork
- Created us for His Kingdom work
- It is by grace

Path # 2

- “in Christ” statements in this passage
- V. 5: made alive “with Christ”
- V. 6: raised us up “with Christ”
- V. 6 seated us “with Him”
- V. 7 kindness to us “in Christ”
- V. 10 created “in Christ” to do good works

Path # 2

Grace: Grace involves God's favor to those unworthy or undeserving of his blessing. It is closely related to kindness, mercy & forgiveness.

Path # 2

Grace: Grace is the dimension of divine activity that enables God to confront human indifference and rebellion with an inexhaustible capacity to forgive and to bless. God is gracious in action.

-Bilezikian

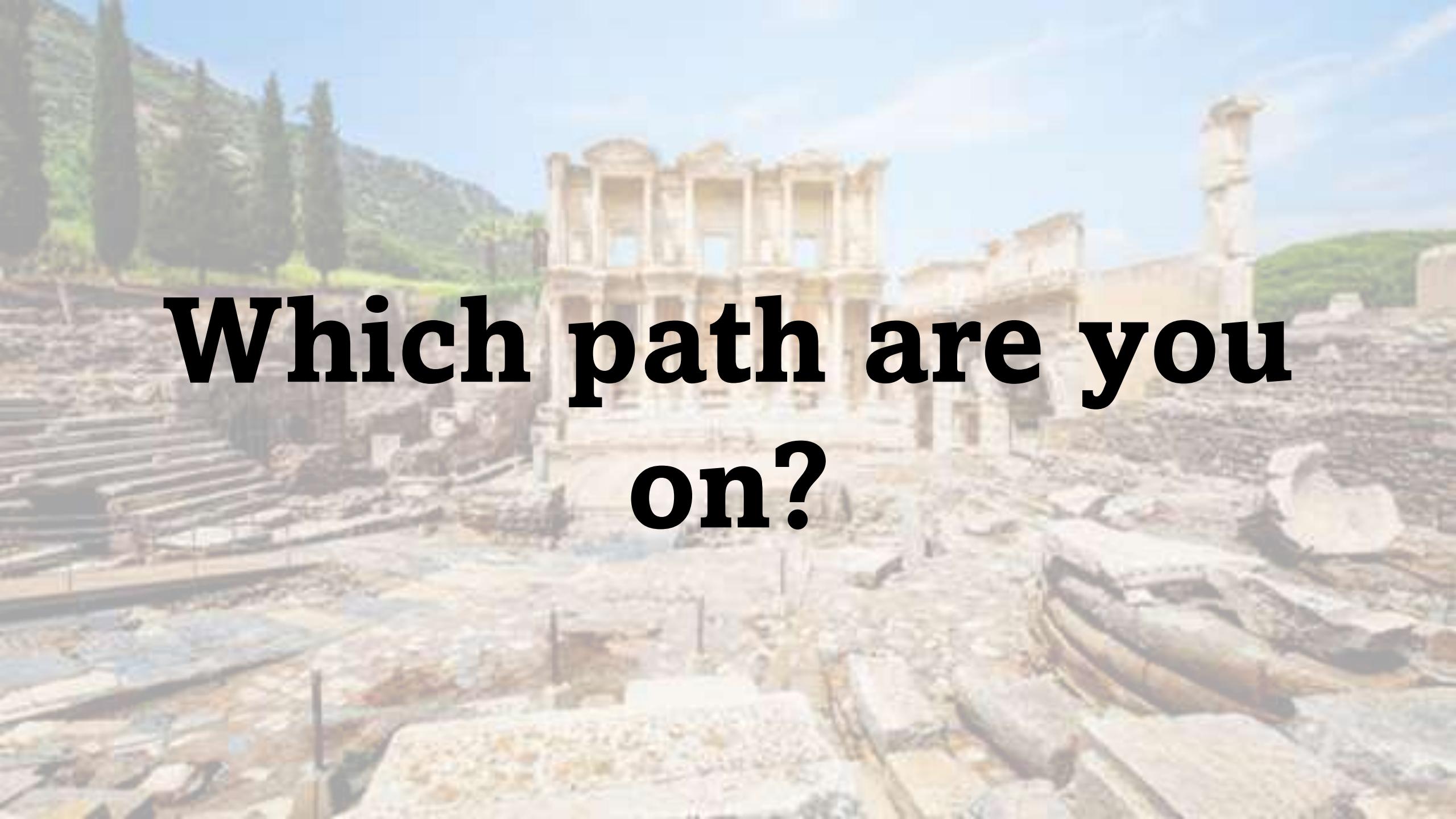
Path # 2

**You are God's handiwork =
His “artwork” & masterpiece**

Path # 2

When it comes to your salvation, God is crafting your life into a piece of art. He is working on you and doing something with you. You are being re-created to do good works. A *good work* is a divinely prescribed action that benefits others in such a way that God is glorified.

-Tony Evans



**Which path are you
on?**