

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**

The background image shows the ruins of the Temple of Apollo in the Roman Forum, Rome, Italy. The temple is a two-story structure with Corinthian columns, partially reconstructed. To the left, the remains of the Forum's tiered seating are visible. In the foreground, there are various stone ruins and debris. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

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

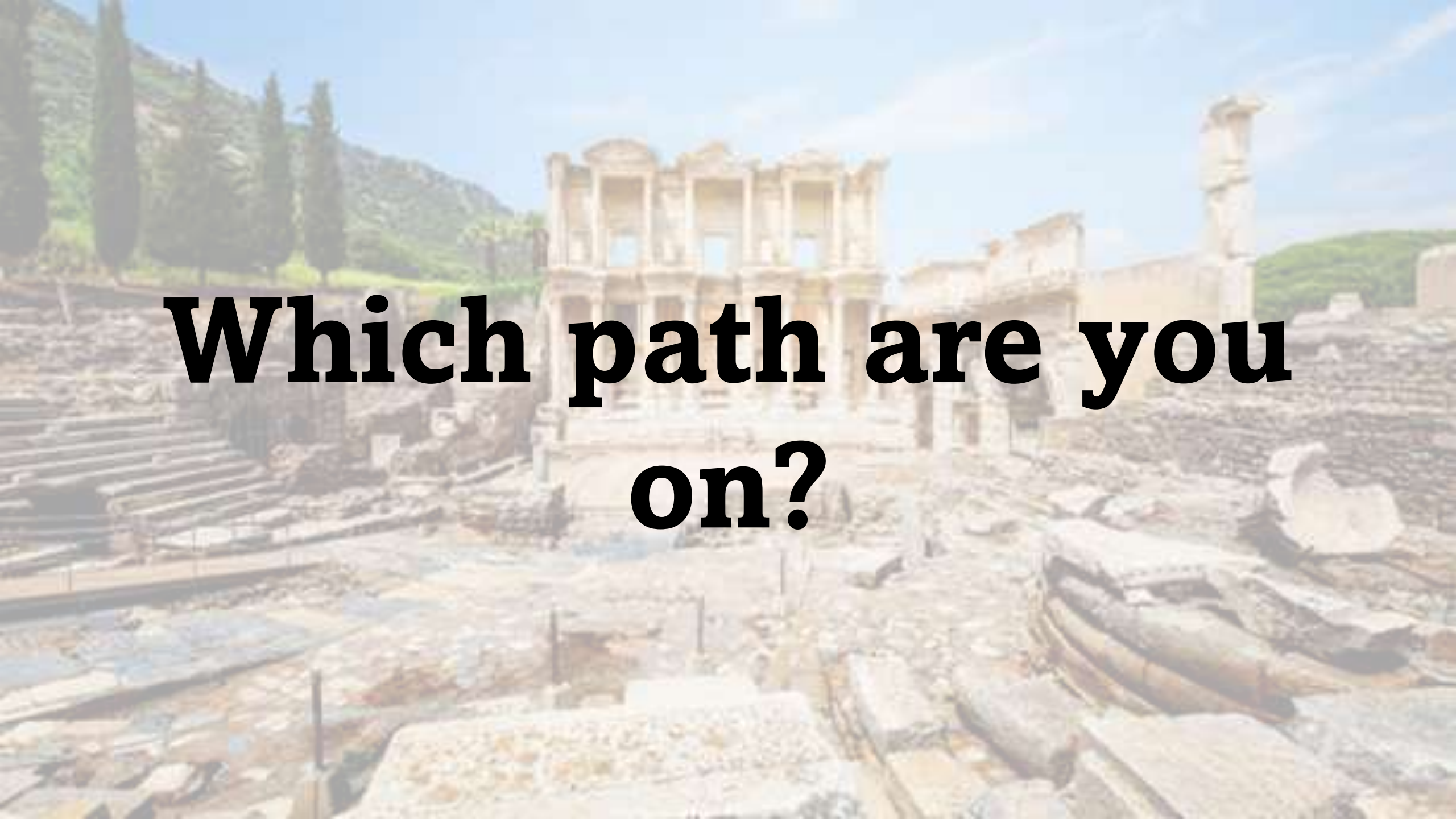
Path # 2

**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?**