

III. OUR SANCTIFICATION AFTER CHRIST

“For we...” (2:10a)

God does an extreme makeover for those in Christ!

¹⁷*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* II Corinthians 5:17

A. God’s work for those in Christ.

⁸*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*
Ephesians 2:8-9

¹⁷*“Thus, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”* James 2:17

B. God’s work in those in Christ.

¹⁰ *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...”* Ephesians 2:10a

³*“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,”*
I Thessalonians 4:3-4

C. God’s work for those in Christ.

¹⁰ *“...which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:10c

¹⁶ *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:16

BE CHANGED BY BUT GOD SAVES

BUT GOD Changes Everything We Are Sinners, BUT GOD Saves Pastor Steve Reynolds

Introduction:

A. Two powerful words can change everything. BUT GOD.
But God moments occur when life takes a particular course, but God intervenes and presents a fresh path and a glimmer of hope for our lives!

²⁶*“But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”*
Matthew 19:26

B. Attend the But God Teaching Series and discover how to transform your “But I...” limitations into “But God!” breakthroughs with every challenge you encounter!

April 20	Jesus Was Dead, BUT GOD Resurrects
April 27	We Are Evil, BUT GOD Redeems
May 4	We Are Tempted, BUT GOD Overcomes
May 11	We Are Dysfunctional, BUT GOD Functions
May 18	We Are Weak, BUT GOD Strengthens
TODAY	We Are Sinners, BUT GOD Saves

C. TEXT: Ephesians 2:1-10

Key Verse:

⁴*“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,”*
Ephesians 2:4

HOW BUT GOD SAVES CAN CHANGE YOU

I. OUR SIN BEFORE CHRIST

“And you...” (2:1a)

The characteristics of the unsaved person:

A. The unsaved person is spiritually dead.

¹ *“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,”* Ephesians 2:1

¹⁴ *“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”* I Corinthians 2:14

B. The unsaved person is willfully disobedient.

² *“in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”* Ephesians 2:2

⁶ *“All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way...”* Isaiah 53:6a

C. The unsaved person is eternally doomed.

³ *“among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.”* Ephesians 2:3

¹⁸ *“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* John 3:18

II. OUR SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST

“But God...” (2:4a)

Three activities that God performs for the saved person:

A. God loves us with mercy.

⁴ *“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,”* Ephesians 2:4

⁸ *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* Romans 5:8

B. God saves us by grace.

⁵ *“even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

⁶ *and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”* Ephesians 2:5-6

²⁴ *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”* John 5:24

¹⁰ *“But by the grace of God I am what I am...”* I Corinthians 15:10a

C. God keeps us for eternity.

⁷ *“that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”* Ephesians 2:7

²⁴ *“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,*

²⁵ *To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.”* Jude 24-25