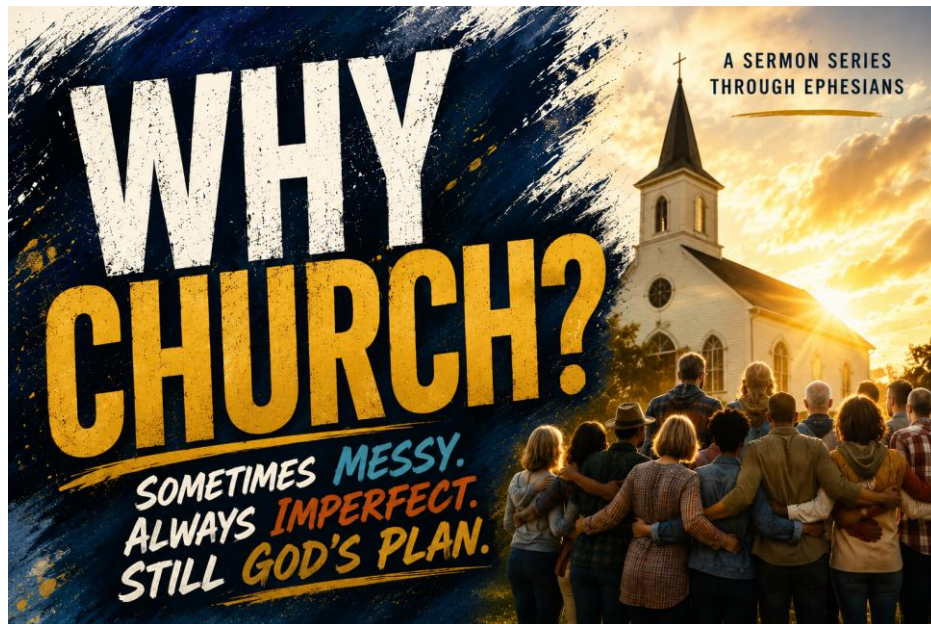




Two Words that Change the World Ephesians 2:1-10

Welcome to everyone here and to all those with us online! I'd like you to consider with me how just two words—two words—can change someone's world.

Just two words can have that kind of power.
“You're hired.” Suddenly you have a job.
“You passed.” Suddenly a new door opens.
“Not guilty.” Suddenly freedom is restored.

Two words can change a life. And there happen to be two words tucked into the middle of Ephesians 2. Two words that don't just change a single life. **They change the world.**

But I'm not going to tell you what they are yet. By the end of this message, though, I hope you'll remember them—and carry them with you this week.

Before we get to the two words that change the world, we need to understand why they matter. Paul begins with two other words—not the words that change the world but describe the world as it was for us. And that world can be summed up in two words:

We were (Verses 1-3).

But God (Verses 4-7).

Now we (Verses 8-10).

But God. Two words that change the world. Carry them with you this week. When your past defines you, when shame accuses you, when you don't know how you'll make it through—but God. Let me ask you: What is your “But God” story? If you have one, take time this week to thank God for how His grace intersected with your life. If you don't have one, that story can begin today! And remember, NOW WE. We are God's *poiēma*—His workmanship—created for good works. So serve Him joyfully alongside His people. WE WERE. BUT GOD. NOW WE. —
And by the grace of God, let's walk in *it*.