

A Series in Ephesians

A Gift Of Love

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Three Questions



- ▶ What is the gift?
- ▶ Why is God the perfect giver for this gift?
- ▶ How are we the gift recipients supposed to respond?

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



What Is The Gift?

Ephesians 2:8-9



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With Christ



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Why Is God The Perfect Giver
For This Gift?

John 14:6



“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

2 Cor 5:21

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”.

God's Riches Sandwich



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How Do We Respond As The
Gift Recipients?

Ephesians 2:10



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Holy and Blameless



Ephesians 1:4

“he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

Ephesians 4:24

“and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 2:10



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Walking in Ephesians

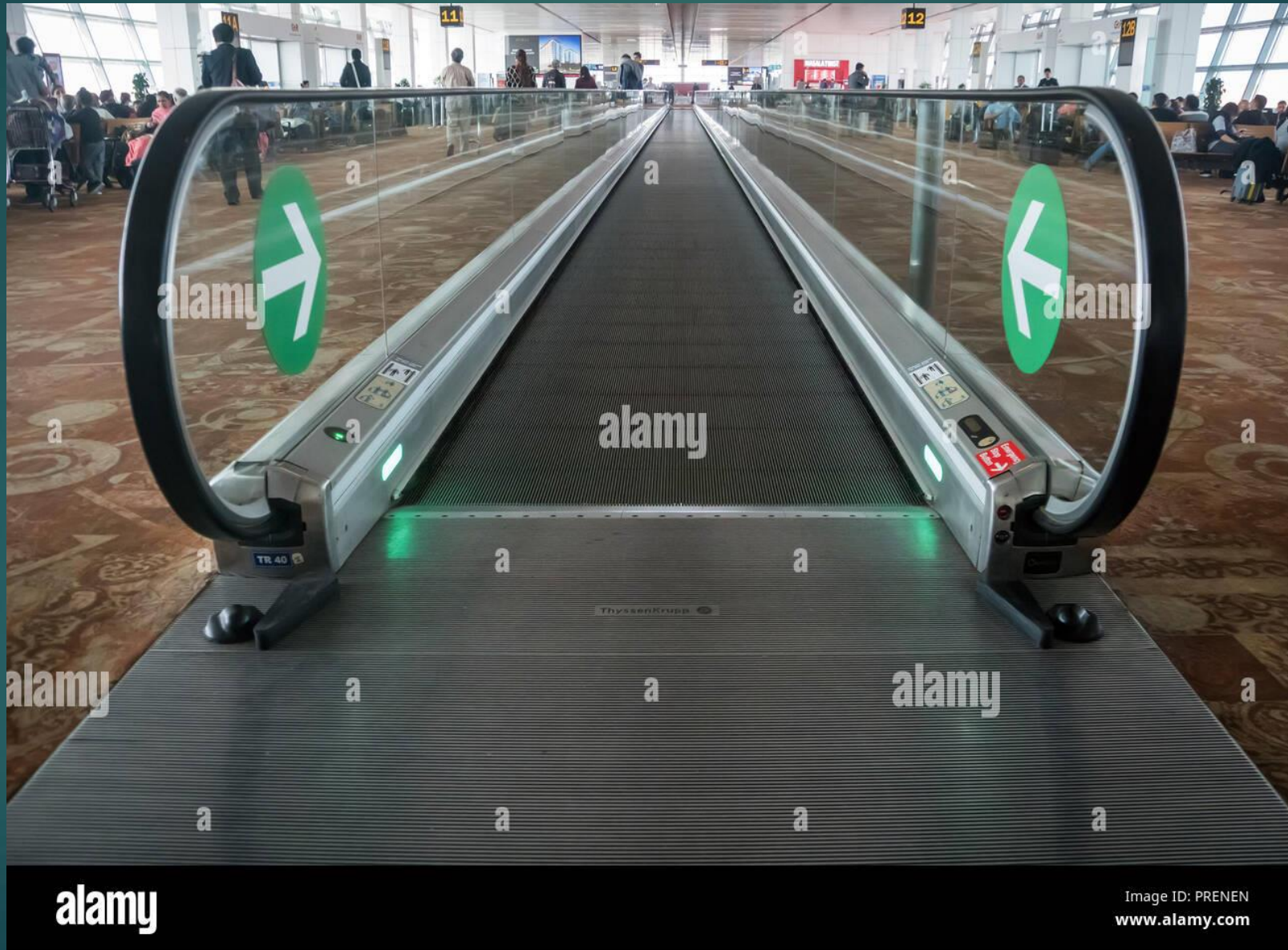


Eph. 4:1-3, “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to **walk** in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Eph. 5:1-2, “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And **walk** in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Eph. 5:15-16, “Look carefully then how you **walk**, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”

Walking vs Being Moved





Conclusion