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Ephesians: Part 3

We had a problem we could not solve, and we had no solution for our sin crisis. God intervened and made a way so that our sin could be _____, and we could be restored to right relationship with God.

Your salvation depends on what Christ has done for you, not what you have done for Him. It isn't your work for God that saves you, but _____ for you.

Ephesians 2:1–10

Four works in the life of every Christ-follower

1. Sin's work _____ us. (Ephesians 2:1–3)
 - We are people with a past, marked by disobedience and failure, which demonstrates something wrong at the core of our being.
 - Because of our sinful nature, we were separated from God and doomed to an eternity apart from God.

2. God's work _____ us. (Ephesians 2:4–9)
 - Because of God's great love for us, He would not leave us alone to face the destructive power of sin. He came to our rescue by opening the way to salvation.
 - Justice means we get exactly what we deserve. Mercy means we don't get what we deserve. Grace means we get what we don't deserve.
3. God's work _____ us. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - God is committed to who He created us to be; therefore, He continues to restore and refine our lives. We are a work in process. (Romans 12:1–2)
4. God's work _____ us. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - We are not saved by good works but saved to do good works. As theologian John Calvin wrote, "It is faith alone that justifies, but faith that justifies can never be alone."

Answers: forgiven; God's work; against; for; in; through

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