Ephesians 2:4-10

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.

<u>Outline</u>

Why did God save us?

1. God saved us because he's merciful and loving
2. God saved us to show the immeasurable riches of his grace
3. God saved us to do good works

<u>God saved us because he's merciful and loving</u>

Romans 5:10
For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Exodus 34:6-7
The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, **7** keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.

<u>God saved us to show the immeasurable riches of his grace</u>

Ephesians 2:1-3
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.

Philippians 4:19
And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

God saved us to do good works

2 Corinthians 9:8
God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Galatians 2:3
Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Philippians 2:13
For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 5:16
Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.