<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> 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—<sup>3</sup> 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 towards 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. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting



Ken Costa Friday, 2 March. 1:05-1.45pm

Former UBS vice-chairman and chairman of Lazard International, Ken Costa's career in investment banking spans over 30 years. He is Gresham Professor of Commerce in the City of London. He is also chairman of Alpha International, and was recently appointed head of the St Paul's Initiative, addressing concerns about capitalism. He reads the Bible every morning at breakfast.

Please note that there will be <u>no regular lunchtime talk</u> on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

## Working Life 'Saviour at work'

## The human condition

- so much for the ruler! (Eph.2:1-3)
  - dead
  - enslaved
  - condemned

## God's work of salvation

- God's work **FOR** us the rule of Christ
  - died, raised, exalted (Eph.1:20-22)
- God's work **IN** us united with Christ
  - union with Christ (Eph.2:4-7)
  - through faith (Eph.2:8-9)
  - for good works (Eph.2:10)
- God's work **AMONG** us united together
  - ultimate building (Eph.2:19-22)
  - ultimate body (Eph.4:4-16)

- ⇒ be devoted to this work
- ⇒ live with the tension
- ⇒ do this work at work
- ⇒ see marriage in the light of this work
- ⇒ never out of work
- ⇒ catch the vision