

# But God....

Ephesians 2:1-10

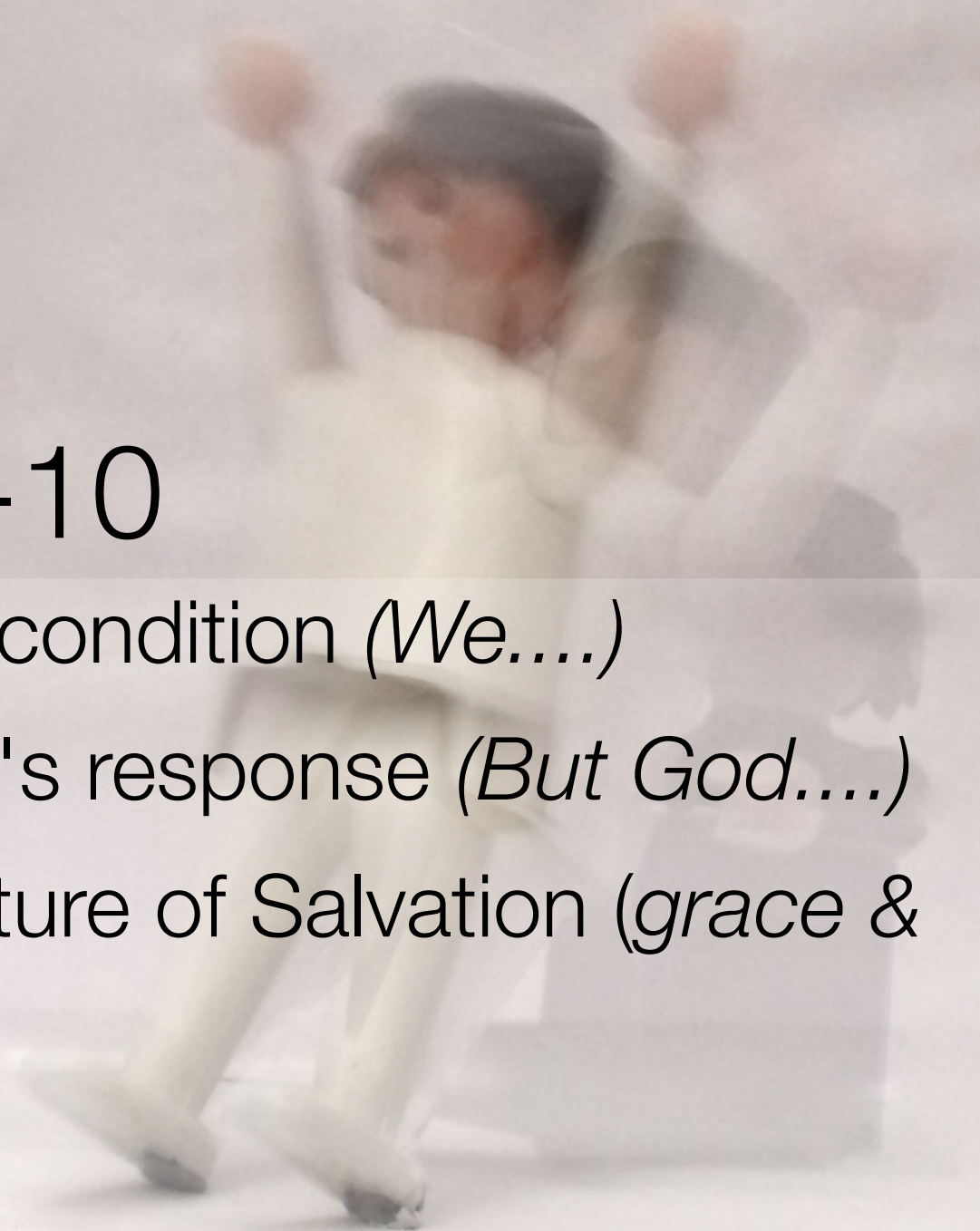


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- Verses 1-3: Our condition (*We....*)
- Verses 4-7: God's response (*But God....*)
- Verses 8-10: Nature of Salvation (*grace & faith...*)



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# Contemporary Jewish worldview

**End of the age/coming  
of the Messiah**



**This present age**

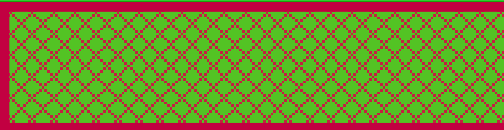
**Age to come**

# Paul's world view

Coming of Jesus



**This present age**



**Age to come**

**NOW!**

A breaking in of the age to come!



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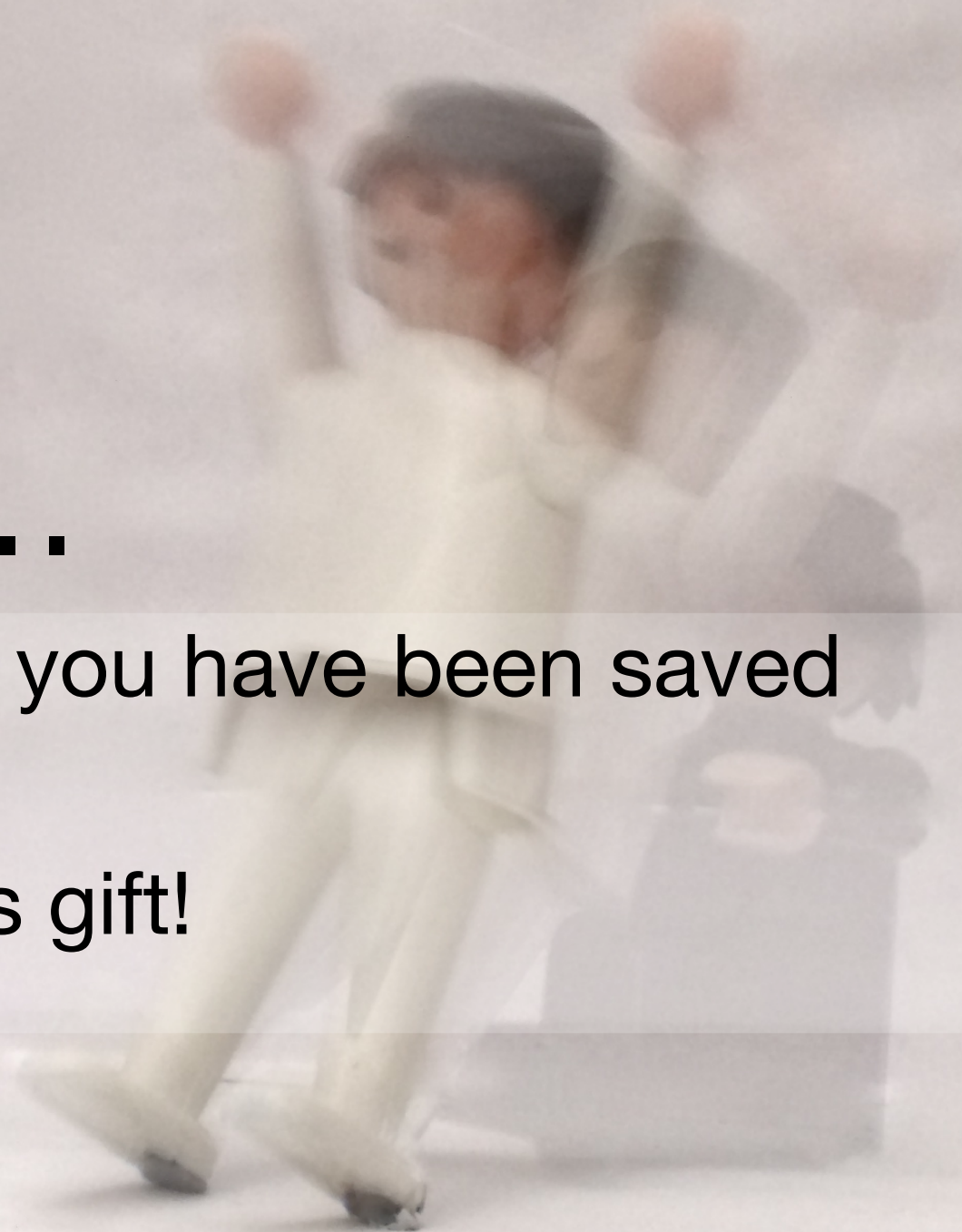
- You He made alive, who were dead (v1)
- Result of environment (v2), evil spiritual forces (v2), and bad choices (v3)

# But God...

- 1:20 – God raised **Jesus** from the dead & raised **him** to sit at His right hand
- 2:5 He made **us** alive; v6 raised **us** up; seated **us** with Christ

# But God...

- v8 – By GRACE you have been saved through FAITH
- God's idea – His gift!



# But God...

- v10 We are His workmanship
- Poiēma – Poetry
- God's poetry on the earth
- Here to do good things – make a difference

