

# FROM DEATH TO LIFE

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

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## I. We were dead, disobedient, and destined for destruction. (vss 1-3)

*<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.*

In what ways is our spiritual condition apart from Christ like the spiritual condition of a physically dead person?

Three forces of darkness dominated our lives before our deliverance to Christ:

Scripture for further study:

- *Matthew 12:35, 15:18-19*

- *Romans 6:23*

## II. God has graciously, lovingly, and mercifully made us alive. (vss 4-7)

*<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

How does Paul describe God's mercy here?

How does Paul describe God's love here?

How does Paul describe God's grace in these verses?

How do these descriptions of God's character and disposition toward you influence your view of Him?

What does Paul mean when he says that we are raised up with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly places?

### III. We are God's workmanship to walk in good works.

(vss 8-10)

*<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> 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.*

By what *means* have you been saved?

What do we receive our salvation *through*?

What is the *result* of our salvation in how we live?

In what ways are you walking in the good works that God prepared beforehand for you?

Scripture for further study:

- *Romans 3:21-26*
- *Ephesians 4:24*
- *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- *Galatians 2:16, 6:15*
- *Philippians 2:13*

