

Ephesians

(11) Made Alive with Christ

Eph.2:1-10 ESV (*emphasis added*)

2:1 *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.*

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 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.*

Dead in our trespasses, made alive in Christ

What was the state of all believers in our past? **2:1-3, 5a; Mt.8:18-22**

How is it possible to be *dead* and *living* at the same time? **Isa.59:2; I Tim.5:6; Gen.2:17**

What are the 3 forces that encourage us to sin? **2:2a; Rom.12:2; Jn.8:23, 17:14**

What is the next force encouraging us to sin? **2:2b, 6:11-12, 8:44; Jn.12:31; Lu.22:31-34**

And what is the next force? **2:3, 4:17-24; Rom.6:6; Ps.51:5, 58:3; see Lu.6:33, 11:13**

So what is the ‘normal’ result for the ‘old man’? **2:3b; Rom.1:18-32; Jn.3:18**

In this bleak, dismal picture, what are the two GREAT WORDS? **2:4a**

What mighty work (**1:19**) did God *do for us*? **2:4b-5; Rom.5:8; When did this happen? 1:4, 2:6**

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Dead in our trespasses, made alive in Christ

What was the state of all believers in our past? **2:1-3, 5a; Mt.8:18-22**

As all mankind we were dead in our trespasses and sins, living in the passions of our flesh!

How is it possible to be *dead* and *living* at the same time? **Isa.59:2; I Tim.5:6; Gen.2:17**

Death=separation: Unsaved are dead spiritually, alive physically.: spirit/ God, spirit/ body.

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First is the ‘world system’. This is the structure, attitude, society’s pressure to conform.

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It is Satan and the fallen angels. He is a liar/father of lies (Gen.3:4). II Cor.4:3-5

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It’s our own ‘flesh’ (old self, old man). Our spiritual being, which is (was!) dead in sins!

So what is the ‘normal’ result for the ‘old man’? **2:3b; Rom.1:18-32; Jn.3:18**

On the basis of creation alone, there is no excuse. By rejecting God, HE then gives them up

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BUT GOD! We are totally incapable of changing our state. We’re all dead, without hope!!

What mighty work (**1:19**) did God *do for us*? **2:4b-5; Rom.5:8; When did this happen? 1:4, 2:6**

He made us alive with Christ, seated us with Christ. And HE chose us before creation!