

## EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2:1-10 - ALIVE FROM THE DEAD - A NEW CREATION

- I. OUR LOST CONDITION - vs. 1-3 - “And you *He made alive* who were dead in transgressions and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, just as the others.”
- A. “And you *He made alive* who were dead in transgressions and sins,”
1. “*He made alive*” demanded by the context, though not in the original Greek. (see verse 5)
  2. Spiritually dead in trespasses and sins, separated from God, unable to please Him in any way, for “without faith it is impossible to please Him.” Heb. 11:6 and Romans 14:23
    - a. Genesis 2:16,17; 6:5; John 15:5; Psalm 58:3; Proverbs 20:9; Romans 8:7,8; Romans 5:12,19; Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:10-18; Eccl. 7:20
    - b. What about all the loving good deeds that are seen around us every day? Isaiah 64:6a; Matthew 7:21-24
  3. The necessity for God to work - Ephesians 1:3-12; 2:5; John 3:3,5,6;
- B. “in which you once walked according to the course of this world,”
1. Active participation
  2. “present evil age” - Galatians 1:4
- C. “according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”
- D. “among whom also we all conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind,”
- E. “and were by nature the children of wrath, just as the others.”
- II. OUR SAVED CONDITION - vs. 4-10 - “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. 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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- F. "(by grace you have been saved),"
- G. "and raised us up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,"
- H. "that in the ages to come" - "in order that" - into eternity - God's purpose through the ages to come.
- I. "He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" - or "surpassing riches"
- J. "For by grace you have been saved through faith," - this undeserved divine mercy and love moved God to choose you for an eternal purpose - through the vehicle of faith.
- K. "and that not of yourselves:" - You were dead in sins - God gave you faith to believe and receive Him. Philippians 1:29; Acts 3:16;
- L. "it is the gift of God," - Salvation is a gift.
- M. "not of works, lest anyone should boast."
- N. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

### III. APPLICATION

- A. Soli Deo Gloria In Salute (Glory to God Alone in Salvation)
- B. Sola Gratia (By Grace Alone)
- C. In Operibus Bonis Creata Est (Created Unto Good Works)