

**But God...**

**Ephesians 2:1-9**

**Ephesians 2:1 (ESV)**

***And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...***

***YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR DISOBEDIENCE***

**Ephesians 2:2-3a (ESV)**

***<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 flesh and the mind...***

***And because of that we easily follow “course of this world”.***

***If that’s not bad enough...”following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.”***

***“whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind”***

***WE ALL ONCE FOLLOWED THE UNHOLY TRINITY: THE WORLD, THE DEVIL, AND OUR FLESH***

**Ephesians 2:3b (ESV)**

***...and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.***

***GOD’S WRATH IS REAL!***

***“It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly***

***tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree helping each other to one or the other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all of our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.” C.S. Lewis***

**Ephesians 2:4 (ESV)**

***<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us...***

**Ephesians 2:5 (ESV)**

***<sup>5</sup> ...even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—***

***MOVING FROM SPIRITUALLY DEAD TO BEING MADE ALIVE WITH CHRIST IS THE BIGGEST MOMENT IN SOMEONE’S LIFE***

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***...even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—***

***GOD DISPLAYS HIS LOVE THROUGH HIS WILLINGNESS TO DISTRIBUTE MERCY AND GRACE***

***Mercy is when you don’t get what you do deserve.  
Grace is when you do get what you don’t deserve.***

**Ephesians 2:6-7 (ESV)**

***<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.***

***“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” C.S. Lewis***

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)**

***<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.***

***“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.” Tim Keller***