

Our Calling: Week 4
Ephesians 2:1-10
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And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,² 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,³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:1-10**

Review: justification, election, predestination, sealed with the Holy Spirit and promise!

As believers we were once dead. (v. 1- past tense)

Someone said verses 1-3 give a “coroner’s report.”

He made us alive. Dead men can’t bring themselves to life, He made us alive.

The unbeliever is not sick, he’s dead, he does not need resuscitation; he needs resurrection.¹

Death in the Bible is the separation of the soul from God.² David in Psalm 51:5, “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

Lazarus had no power to bring himself back to life, if they could they would have. Keep that in your mind for a moment, we will come back to that (John 11).

It takes a miracle for someone to be resurrected physically and the same is true spiritually. If someone died and had been dead for five hours, how many of you could bring them back to life? We can’t bring to life or save anyone, God does that but He chooses to use us.

Because of our death, we lived a certain way. (vs. 2-3, past tense)

We were dead, disobedient, depraved and doomed (past tense).

¹ Warren Wiersbe

² Adrian Rogers

We were born rebellious and rebellion is in us, even after we are saved, that's why we have the constant battle between our flesh and the Spirit. This is why God's Word tell us to "die to ourselves.

Have you ever seen a "Wet paint, don't touch," sign? What do we want to do?

But God (vs. 4-7 past, present and future)

But...God...

Loved us (4) – He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:8

Made us alive (5)

Keeps us (7)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. **John 10:10**

By Grace, though Faith (vs. 8-10, past, present and future)

Pipe - God turns the water on, Jesus is the water. The pipe is useless without the water source and the water itself.

Faith is the pipe and the pipe is useless without God and Jesus.

"It is faith alone that justifies, but faith that justifies can never be alone."

~ John Calvin

Lazarus – what if he had just been raised from the dead and did nothing? Let's end by reading the account of Lazarus in John 11.

My Testimony

Prayer Focus:

- **Have I been made alive?**
- **Am I living in God's life? That is, am I dying to self and having Christ live in me?**
- **Remember, it is the Lord who saves!**
- **What kind of accounts do you have to tell in your life the, "But God..." accounts?**