

# Made Alive in Christ

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

## We Are Made Alive in Christ Jesus.

### 1. Man's Spiritual C\_\_\_\_\_

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. Ephesians 2:1-3*

### Three expressions that describe our spiritual hopeless condition

1. " \_\_\_\_\_ " — *You were dead in your transgressions and sins. Ephesians 2:1*

*But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 1 Timothy 5:6*

*but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." Genesis 2:17*

2. " \_\_\_\_\_ " disobedient"—*those who are disobedient. Ephesians 2:2*

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### Three forces working to drag us down into sin

1. The world
2. The flesh
3. The devil

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**“the flesh” c\_\_\_\_\_ of our sinful nature**

### **Three expressions that describe our spiritual hopeless condition**

1. “dead”
2. “disobedient”
3. “objects of wrath”—*Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.*

**Ephesians 2:3**

*But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Matthew 18:6*

*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. Colossians 3:5-6*

## **2. God’s Incredible C\_\_\_\_\_**

*We are made alive in Christ Jesus.*

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, Ephesians 2:4*

**1. God loved us in spite of our d\_\_\_\_\_**

### **God has two kinds of attributes: Intrinsic and Relative**

1. **Intrinsic**, those He possesses of Himself—life, love, holiness, etc.
2. **Relative**, those with which He relates to His creation, especially man
  - Truth becomes Faithfulness
  - Holiness becomes Justice
  - Love becomes Mercy and Grace

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **Romans 3:23-24***

*God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— **Romans 3:25***

*he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. **Romans 3:26***

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*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

**Ephesians 2:4-5**

## **2. God r\_\_\_\_\_ us from the dead**

### **Three people Jesus raised from the dead**

1. Jairus's daughter—raised just after death, Matthew 9:18-26
2. The widow's son at Nain—24 hours later, Luke 7:11-17
3. Lazarus—had been dead for 4 days, John 11:38-44

[Jesus] *He who has ears, let him hear. **Matthew 11:15***

*having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. **Colossians 2:12***

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **Colossians 2:13***

*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus **Ephesians 2:6-7***

## **3. God e\_\_\_\_\_ us to the heavenly realms**

*In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:2*

### **3. Our Dual R\_\_\_\_\_**

*We are made alive in Christ Jesus.*

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

#### **1. We must put our trust in Christ, not ourselves**

*We are saved by putting our faith in God's grace, in His love, in the death of Jesus Christ for us on the cross.*

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

#### **2. Do good works for others and not ourselves**

#### **Why do we do good works for God?**

- **Motivation**—not to earn salvation, but to show our gratitude that we have been saved by Christ
- **Purpose**—not to be saved, but to exalt Jesus Christ
- **R\_\_\_\_\_**—not our approval, but a witness to others of the power of God working in us.

*God has prepared us to do good works, so we can be a testimony to others.*

*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

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