

## Ephesians 2:1-10 **Dead in Sin – Saved by Grace – Created for Good Works**

### Dead in Trespasses and Sin

<sup>1</sup> And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> 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.

### Saved by Grace – Alive in Christ

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### Purpose – Created For Good Works

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> 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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Facts Revealed:

### Dead in Trespasses and Sin [\[Ephesians 2:1-3\]](#)

- ✠ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.
- ✧ Speaking to the Gentiles in Ephesus, Paul reminded them that before they learned about the Lord, they had lived according to the sinful desires of the flesh.
- ✧ They had been a part of the world following the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the devil being the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.
- ✧ From the very beginning the work of Satan has been to entice humanity to disobey the commandments of God.
- ✧ Paul then included himself as he said, "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."
- ✧ Thus Paul demonstrated that he has experiential understanding for those who are living in the sinful lusts of the world.

### Saved by Grace – Alive with Christ [\[Ephesians 2:4-7\]](#)

- ✠ 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).
- ✧ Oh the Love of God that surpasses all knowledge, expressing His mercy and grace, has reached down to a world dead in trespasses and made us alive together in Christ, What marvelous love!
- ✧ Alive in Christ, God has made us to sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- ✧ In the ages to come God might show the exceeding riches of His grace in his kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### Purpose – Created For Good Works [\[Ephesians 2:8-10\]](#)

- ✚ 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.
  - ✧ Mankind may not boast in his own merit to have gained Salvation.
  - ✧ All glory goes to God the Father through Jesus Christ.
  - ✧ Salvation is the gift of God based on our faith.
  - ✧ Our faith is the gift of God.
  - ✧ Therefore all boasting is eliminated, because salvation is not our doing in the first place, we only believe what God has promised through Jesus Christ for our benefit.
- ✚ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. [[Ephesians 2:10](#)]
  - ✧ God has freely given us the gift of salvation, so that out of love for Him we might respond in obedience **to do the good works** God had prepared beforehand with the intent that we should walk in them. [[John 14:15, 21](#)]