

God's Amazing Work: Once Dead, Now Alive Ephesians 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION

Please turn in your Bible to **Ephesians 2:1-10**.

In the last part of **Ephesians 1**, the apostle Paul has told the Ephesians that he is praying for them. One of the things he has been praying is that they might clearly see what has happened to them. But he doesn't just pray this for them. He decides to tell them—and this is what **Ephesians 2** is about.

If you are a believer, it is because something has happened to you! *Once you were dead, but now you are alive (2:1-10). Once you were cut off, but now you have been brought near (2:11-22)*. It is the first of these sections that we come to look at this morning. The apostle will tell you and me **3 truths** that we need to appreciate.

Let's dig in...

I. What you _____ (2:1-3)

- ❖ The key thought in these verses is the _____
for divine intervention and the _____
of life without Christ.

3 truths about our past...

A. You were _____ (2:1)

B. You were _____ (2:2-3)

With shame we remember how we *'once walked'*. **Although spiritually dead, we lived our lives in active opposition to God.** Dead and unresponsive as far as He and His Word were concerned, we walked in a certain way, and our lives were going in a definite direction. We were going the same way as everybody else. God was not in our lives, and we did not want Him to be. We walked with the crowd, but we didn't walk with Him. The idea is one of enslavement to evil.

**1. The _____ - _____ evil
(2:2a)**

**2. The _____ - _____ evil
(2:2b)**

**3. The _____ - _____ evil
(2:3a)**

C. You were _____ (2:3b)

II. What you _____ (2:4-7)

- ❖ The key thought in these verses is the _____
_____ of divine intervention, namely the
gracious _____ of spiritual life in Christ.

Please note God's work for us.

A. You are _____ (2:5)

B. You are _____ (2:6)

C. Your _____ life is yet to come! And the
_____ is all God's! (2:7)

III. What made the _____ (2:4-5, 8-10)

- ❖ The key thought in these verses is the _____
of divine intervention, namely salvation not by
_____ but for _____.

What made the difference?

Three words will help us to remember.

A. _____ (2:4-5, 10)

B. _____ (2:4-5, 8)

C. _____ (2:8-10)

CONCLUSION

What can we take with us this morning?

Ephesians 2:1-10 is about our radical disease and God's radical remedy. Let us marvel today at the radical remedy that God has given to us wayward sinners. In light of today's study, take these truths home with you:

- ❖ **Salvation is _____ of God, _____
from any human work or merit.**

- ❖ **God's gift of salvation is _____ through
faith alone in Christ alone.**

- ❖ **Salvation _____ in a life of good works.**