

He Is Our Peace

Paul's Letter from Rome to the Ephesians

Ephesians 2:1-10

3. We're Alive in Christ Now!

2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 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. 3 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. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 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. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Remember your past life of sin

▼ You were dead

▲ That was a spiritual death

Ephesians 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

▲ That was a sinner's death

Ephesians 2:1 your transgressions and sins,

▼ You were disobedient

▲ You were living in sin

Ephesians 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live

▲ You were led by satan

Ephesians 2:2 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.

▲ You were lounging with sinners

Ephesians 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time,

▲ You were lusting in selfishness and sensuality

Ephesians 2:3 gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.

▼ You were doomed to destruction

Ephesians 2:3 Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

▼ You were delivered

Ephesians 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God,

Rejoice in your present life of salvation

▼ God reached us

▲ He loved us with a magnificent love

Ephesians 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God,

▲ He loved us with a merciful love

Ephesians 2:4 God, who is rich in mercy,

▼ God raised us

▲ He raised us to a new life

Ephesians 2:5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

▲ He raised us to a new level

Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

▼ God repurposed us

▲ For good deeds on earth

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

▲ For glorious display in eternity

Ephesians 2:7 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.

▼ God reminds us

▲ This is overwhelmingly by God's grace

Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

▲ This is only by God's grace

Ephesians 2:9 not by works, so that no one can boast.