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## Ephesians

### READ Ephesians 2:1-10

#### Before you were in Christ

You were dead in your transgressions and sins.

- o Ephesians 2:1
- o Matthew 13:13

WHAT MAKES UP THE FOG SO WE CAN'T SEE OUR SIN?? 3 things

- When spiritually dead, you don't know it and you can't fix it.
- When spiritually dead, you're a slave to three deadly enemies that try to keep you from God and weak in your spiritual walk with Him – the **world, Satan, and your sinful nature.**
  - o Ephesians 2:2-3
  - o John 10:10 Thief comes to steal, kill and de\_\_\_\_\_. I have come that they might have \_\_\_\_\_!
  - o Matthew 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate...
- When spiritually dead, you're an object of God's wrath.
  - o Ephesians 2:3

God's wrath is motivated by His holiness, LOVE, and justice.

- o Isaiah 59:2 – sin separates us from God
- o Romans 7:24-How is this LOVE? Who is going to rescue me?\_\_\_\_\_
- We all deserve God's wrath.

#### In Christ

The two most powerful words in the Bible – BUT GOD!

- o Ephesians 2:4-5 The Fog lifts and we can see 2 Cor 3:16-18 the veil is lifted and we are transformed and set free

#### Share your "But God

"statement: \_\_\_\_\_

M\_\_\_\_\_ is when you don't get what you deserve. We deserve wrath!

G\_\_\_\_\_ is when you get what you don't deserve: eternal life!

- o Romans 5:10 – enemies of God

In Christ, you're seated with Him in the heavenly realms.

- o Ephesians 2:6

- In Christ, the work for your salvation is finished (John 19:30) in Him.
- In Christ, you have authority over the power of the world, Satan, and your sinful nature.
- In Christ, you're alive, free, and pardoned
- **See the image of you seated with Jesus, in Christ so what is under your feet?**

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**What lie are you taking down and what Word of truth are you putting up in its place?**

#### God's purpose

God saved you for your good and primarily for His GLORY.

- o Ephesians 2:7

You're saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

- o Ephesians 2:8-9

You're God's workmanship. His Masterpiece.

- o Ephesians 2:10

- You're not saved by works but you're saved to do good works.
- God has prepared good works for you to do. You have purpose!

**Tell the person next to you what you see at work in them>>>>>>>>>>>>>**  
What's the response of those who are in Christ? Praise and sharing the good news of the gospel.

In Christ, you're: **see sermon**

- chosen and adopted,
- holy and blameless in God's eyes,
- redeemed and forgiven,
- a recipient of God's revealed plan,
- filled and sealed by the Holy Spirit,
- given eternal hope,
- God's treasured inheritance,
- filled with resurrection power,
- dead to sin, given new life, and seated with Jesus in power,
- God's masterpiece, and
- given purpose in life ...>>> so walk in it !!!!!

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), <sup>(a)</sup>recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]. Eph 2:10

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