

ON PURPOSE

Dead Orphans Awakened
Ephesians 2:1-10
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And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (ESV)

The Bible says that if you have not been forgiven by Jesus Christ you are dead to God.

- That means you cannot properly respond to, obey or please God if you have not been forgiven by Christ.

The Bibles says it is our sins and trespasses that killed us.

- These actions are influenced by Satan and our selfishness.

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The Bible says that the consequence of our disobedience is God's wrath.

- God's wrath is His anger toward sin which leads to the action of eternal punishment of the sinner.

The Bible says that those who have been forgiven by Christ have been awakened to God.

- God has done this because of His mercy, love and grace.

The Bible says God wakes people through Christ so they can receive more of His grace.

- People never become free from their need of God's grace.

The Bible says God wakes people through Christ so they can trust God and accomplish good works for His glory.

- The good works fully devoted followers accomplish was planned for them before the foundation of the world.

Important Questions to Consider:

Are you dead or alive to God?

Are you under God's influence, Satan's influence or your own selfish influence?

Are you intentionally depending on God's grace?

Are you accomplishing the good works God has planned for your life?

Are your works in contradiction to the good works God has planned for your life?