

Who Am I Part 7
EPHESIANS 2:1-7
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Ephesians 2:1 *“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and your sins.”*

Two words describe the place of spiritual death:

- In your transgressions
Trespass is a failure to hold to the path
- In your sins
Sin is a failure to hit the mark

The next thing he talks about is why we did this. Ephesians 2:2 *“You were dead in your trespasses and sin in which you used to live when you followed the ways of the world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who were disobedient.”*

1. The first source is the world.

2. The devil

There are two very interesting names used for the devil here.

- Ruler of the kingdom of the air
- Spirit at work in the disobedient. He lies to us tempting us to sin. When we read the Bible it’s like shedding the light on his lies. God tells us the truth.

3. Our own sinful nature, our own inside.

Verse 3. *“All of us lived among them at one time gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature, and following its desires and thoughts.”*

Notice the three ways our sinful nature “speaks” to us:

- **Cravings** _____
- **Desires** _____
- **Thoughts** _____

This is the ‘bad news’

Because of our sin we were: objects of wrath

Before Christ we are spiritually dead. We don't need resuscitation... we need resurrection. You can't do CPR on a dead person!

Look at the depressing downward direction in these verses: Dead... Disobedient...

Depraved... Doomed. It looks hopeless!

“But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,”

“made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.” – Eph 2:4

“Good News” But God! Two words to change your eternity!

What made the difference? What was the motivation in the heart of God? Love, Mercy and Grace!

- Love: the willingness to sacrificially GIVE!
- Mercy: the withholding of deserved punishment
- Grace: the giving of undeserved blessings.

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.” Eph 2:6

Want to know “the real you” – As a believer – look at the experience of Jesus Christ and you see the real you. This isn't just his-tory... it's your story.

RECOGNIZE THE NEW YOU:

1. Alive – A new person 2 Corinthians 5 *“If anyone’s in Christ they’re not the same any more. They’re a new person. Old things have passed away and new things have come.”*
2. Raised – A new power
3. Seated – A new perspective

When do we get to the throne? In Christ, we’re already seated there.

Ephesians 2:7 *“He did this 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.”* Why did He do it?