

I. Dead in Transgressions and Sins without Christ (Eph. 2:1-3)

- A. Caught up in the <u>ways</u> of the world (vs. 2)
 - i. Following the <u>ruler</u> of the "kingdom of the air"
 - ii. <u>Disobedient</u> to God's ways
- B. Without spiritual <u>meaning</u> and <u>purpose</u> (vs. 3)
 - i. <u>Everyone</u> starts here!
 - ii. Gratifying the <u>cravings</u> of our <u>sinful</u> nature.
 - iii. Following <u>hopeless</u> desires and thoughts.
- C. Outside of the <u>influence of God (vs. 3b</u>)
 - i. By <u>nature</u> hard hearted
 - ii. Objects of <u>wrath (Rom. 6:23)</u>

II. But, Made us Alive with Christ (Eph. 2:4 - 5)

- A. Because of His great love (vs. 4a, John 3:16)
- B. By nature <u>Rich in mercy (4a)</u>
- C. By <u>His grace</u> we were saved (5b,8)
 - i. Through <u>faith</u>
 - ii. Not through <u>works</u>
- D. <u>Baptism</u> as a picture of what happened to us (Rom. 6:1 11)
 - i. <u>Buried</u> with Christ in his <u>death</u>
 - ii. <u>Raised</u> with Christ in his <u>resurrection</u>!

III. Raised us up with Christ! (Eph. 2:6 - 7)

- A. His <u>resurrection</u> is the <u>proof</u> of our resurrection!
- B. <u>Seated us with Him!</u> [New Position!]
- C. The we might <u>show</u> the riches of His kindness! [New Purpose!]
 - i. For we are God's <u>workmanship</u>! [New Promise!]
 - ii. <u>Created</u> in Christ Jesus
 - iii. To do <u>good works</u>
 - iv. <u>Prepared</u> in advance for us to do [God's Plan!]