

# OZZY IS DEAD, ARE YOU?

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## EPHESIANS 2:1-10 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil – the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

□ In this passage the Apostle Paul gives us **four critical things** about how to be ready to stand before God one day – on that day – at the end of our days.

**#1. We were all \_\_\_\_\_.**

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following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. **-Ephesians 2:1-3**

**#2. But God \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf.**

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) **-Ephesians 2:4-5**

**#3. Salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **-Ephesians 2:8-9**

You don't get saved by:

- Going to church.
- Being a good person.
- Giving to charity.
- Avoiding heavy metal music.

You get saved by **grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.**

**#4. God has a \_\_\_\_\_.**

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **-Ephesians 2:10**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" -2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)*



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