Dead Men Walking Ephesians 2:1-3

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Ephesians 2:1-3 is a heavenly diagnosis of our spiritual condition. It describes the spiritual condition of all believers before God saved them and they trusted in Christ. It also describes the spiritual condition of all people who are unsaved and still outside of Christ. This passage clarifies that there is absolutely nothing in humanity that makes us worthy of God's grace, and that we are in need of a saving miracle outside of ourselves.

I. Our Morbid Condition (v.1)

- A. Dead in Trespasses
- B. Dead in Sins

II. Our Disobedient Activity (vv.2-3a)

- A. Following Another Drum Beat
 - a. The World
 - b. The Devil
- B. Satisfying Our Own Desires
 - a. Passions of our Flesh
 - b. Desires of our Body and Mind

III. Our Terrifying Destiny (v.3b)

- A. Objects of God's Wrath
 - a. Personal Destiny
 - b. Collective Destiny

"The unbeliever is not sick; he is dead!

He does not need resuscitation; he needs resurrection."

- Warren Wiersbe -

Only a God who is rich in grace and who has resurrection power can save us from our morbid condition and our terrifying destiny.

FOR NEXT TIME—Read Ephesians 2:4-10, By Grace Alone

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

- 1. In light of this passage, what is the root of all the world's problems? What might be the solution?
- 2. If you are a believer, what is especially humbling about this passage to you? How can your love for God increase when you understand your spiritual condition before salvation?