

THE PATH OF SALVATION PART ONE: YOUR PAST CONDITION

Ephesians 2:1-3

1 in Death
The condition of all mankind is corrupted in death. God is the God of the living, not the dead. Anything outside of Him exists in a perpetual state of corruption and death.
Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. ~ Romans 5:12
2 the World
In the corruption of your sinful heart, you looked to the world for guidance, and sought the devil for counsel. This is the pursuit of any who are dead in transgressions and sin.
But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ~ James 3:14-15
3 of Wrath

In our corrupted state, we are the objects of God's wrath. Our past condition was perilous for we stood to be judged by God and knew not that the flames of hell danced at our feet.

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." ~ John 3:36

2 CORINTHIANS 6:11

AND SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU. BUT YOU WERE WASHED, YOU WERE SANCTIFIED, YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.



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Additional Scripture References

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## Colossians 2:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

## 1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

### **Romans 1:32**

Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

#### Romans 2:5

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

## Colossians 3:6-7

On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

### **Luke 3:7**

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"