

BROKEN FOR US

A Lent Sermon Series

"But God"

Ephesians 2:1-10 | Sunday, April 5th, 2026

~ I have used the phrase "But God" many times in previous sermons, but never have I ever used it as a sermon title. I think that Resurrection (Easter) Sunday is as good a time as any.

~ *Just a Reminder:*

In our Lent series we've been exploring different components of the time that lead to the death & resurrection of Christ. We've heard about aspects that are all connected (intertwined) into Easter! (*ex.* devastation - covenant - suffering - promise)

> *What's Going On in Ephesians 2?*

Paul talks heavily about death & life.... which is really Easter in a nutshell. Paul wants those in Ephesus to see what life was before Christ and what life is like with Christ!

> *A Friendly Word of Encouragement ~or~ Conviction?*

The Bible tells us what we _____ to know, now what we _____ to know.

~ Come to the Bible with all of your hard questions; but come with open hands! Don't make the Scriptures say what you want them to say.

1. We Were Dead in _____ & Sin (vs. 1-3)

~ Eph 4:18 - "*Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.*"

~ Ephesians 4 shows us that we were "alienated" ... *cut off* ... excluded from *the life of God*.

~ Just how dead are we??? Paul didn't add any other adjectives! This means dead; not mostly dead, not part dead.

2. God Made Us Alive with Christ _____ by Grace (vs. 4-9)

~ Eph. 2:4 - "*But God, being rich in mercy because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ.*"

> See the richness of His mercy & grace = If you are in truly in Christ, then nothing can change that and no one can take it from you! Ever!

> Grace in the NT = in the ESV there are 131 uses of grace – 124 in the New Testament, 86 of those 124 come from the apostle Paul. Paul knew something about grace!

3. God _____ to Save Us for the _____ of Preplanned Work (v. 10)

~ To be able to stand before God and claim to have any good works credited to your account, you must first have faith in Jesus!

> Looking for purpose in this life? Look no further!

* Look at Eph. 2:10 * "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*"

> A Needed Reminder for Easter 2026 - You are at _____!