



From Death to Life

Ephesians 2:1-7

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

A. THE DEPTHS OF LIFE

Death Valley vs. Heavenly Heights

We were _____ of Christ were absolutely dead. We were under the _____ of the:

1. W _____ (kosmos)
(Galatians 1:4)

2. D _____
(Ephesians 2:2, John 12:31, Matthew 9:34, 2 Corinthians 4:4)

Cosmos Diabolicus

3. F _____
(Ephesians 2:3, Romans 5:12-14, John 3:36)

The world dominates from *without*, the flesh from *within*, and the Devil from *beyond*.

These are the terrible triple dynamics of spiritual death!

(Luke 11:13, Genesis 1:27, Romans 3:10-11)

The Biblical doctrine of depravity demands an acceptance of humanity's absolute spiritual death apart from the grace of God.

Well | Sick | Dead



B. THE HEIGHTS OF LIFE (vv. 4-7)

1. R _____
(Ephesians 2:4, 5; Ephesians 1:19, 20)

Resurrected | Dead

2. A _____
(Ephesians 2:6)

3. R _____
(Ephesians 2:7, Ezekiel 37: 1-10)

Group Discussion:

1. We live in a world where human beings left to themselves, not only choose the wrong direction, but remain cheerfully confident that it is in fact the right one. What forces lure or compel us to go in the wrong direction spiritually (v.1-2)?
2. What reasons have you heard people give for the direction they're going in their life? What according to Paul characterizes people who are going in the wrong direction (v.3)?
3. If the problem is that settled and habitual behavior of the whole human race leads people towards death – the destruction of their humanness- the answer provided by God is a way through death and into a new life entirely. What has God done for us to get us on the right road?
4. Why does God love us so much? How did your own “change in direction” through Christ come about? Share your story with the group.
5. God made us alive and raise us up in Christ (vs4-6) What does verse 7 say God desires to be accomplish by this?

Cross the Bridge: Your Next 7 Day Assignment

Make it a point over the next seven days to find at least one person with whom you can the love of God in Christ. Talk to them about how much God loves them.