

## SERMON NOTES



### Ephesians

*“Becoming Who You Are  
in Christ!”*

### Week 3: “Alive!”

July 14, 2024

**Suggestion:** Bring your personal Bible/Bible App to worship each week!

*Ephesians 2:1-10 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 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. 3 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. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 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. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

#### 1. What makes us spiritually dead?

##### a. Following the \_\_\_\_\_ around us.

- *2 Timothy 3:1-5 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not*

lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

**b. Living as if Christ were not \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 2 John 1:7 Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

**c. Gratifying the \_\_\_\_\_ within us.**

- Galatians 5:19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**2. What are the consequences of being dead?**

**a. Objects of \_\_\_\_\_**

- Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

**b. Unable to \_\_\_\_\_ oneself**

- Romans 3:23 There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,...
- (Third Article of Apostles' Creed) I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;

**3. What makes us Spiritually alive?**

**a. God, who is rich in \_\_\_\_\_**

- Ephesians 2:4 But because of his great love for us

**b. God, who is rich in \_\_\_\_\_**

- Ephesians 2:4 God, who is rich in mercy,

**c. God, who is rich in \_\_\_\_\_**

- Ephesians 2:5 ...it is by grace you have been saved.

God



Me

#### 4. What are the blessings of being ALIVE?

a. I have \_\_\_\_\_: Raised with Christ!

- *Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,*

b. I have \_\_\_\_\_: Saved by grace!

- *Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.*

c. I have \_\_\_\_\_: Created for good works!

- *Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

When I am alive, I live \_\_\_ grace and live \_\_\_\_\_ Christ!

Become who you are...\_\_\_\_\_!

**Everyone Outreach Witness Idea:** Do you know someone who is chasing after the things of this world? Are they happy? Is life working for them? Share the blessings you have experienced being ALIVE in Christ!

NEXT SUNDAY: *Becoming Who You Are: Saved for a Purpose!*

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*7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8*

**MY PERSONAL NOTES**

## **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**