

The Walking Dead!

Ephesians 2:1-7 Ephesians Series Part 6

But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life. Ephesians 2:4

We Must Never _____ Where We Came From! (1-3)

Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. ² You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature, and we were under God's anger just like everyone else.

>We Were Dead—"Once you were dead"---spiritually dead! Note we were not just _____ but **dead!** "Death" means "separation." "But there is a problem—your sins have cut you off from God" Isa. 59:2

>We Were Doomed—"doomed forever because of your many sins" "The wages of sin is death" Rom 6:23 "And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire" Rev. 20:14-15

>We Were Disobedient—"those who refuse to obey God"
"If you eat of its fruit, you will surely die." "So she ate Then he ate it, too." Genesis 3

>We Had Wrong Desires—³ All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature. Ephesians 2:3

The World (system)- "You used to live just like the rest of the world"
"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world" Romans 12:2

The Flesh—following the passions & desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature
"For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me" Ps 51:5

The Devil—obeying Satan. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.
"For you are the children of your father the Devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44

We Were TOTALLY _____! "You used to live just like the rest of the world"

Depravity—a person is incapable of doing anything to merit salvation or meet the high standards of God's holiness.

We Must Never Forget What God Has _____ For Us (4-7)

"You used to live just like the rest of the world.....⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and **He loved** us so very much, ⁵ that even while we were dead because of our sins, **He gave us life** when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favor that you have been saved!) ⁶ For **He raised us from the dead** along with Christ, and **we are seated with Him** in the heavenly realms—all because we are one with Christ Jesus ⁷ And so God can always point to us as examples of the incredible wealth of His favor and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us through Christ Jesus."

The focus of attention now is on God, not on sinful man. "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

We Are _____! (4) "and He loved us so very much" "God **IS** love" 1 John 4:8
"God is so rich in mercy... God's special favor" (grace)

We Are _____! (5-6) "He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead.....
For **He raised us from the dead** along with Christ"

In the Bible Jesus raised 3 people from the dead:

>widow's son (Lk. 7:11-17) >Jairus' daughter (Lk. 8:49-56) >Lazarus (Jn. 11:41-46)

HOW? Spoken **Word** & this gave life!the Word of God is full of living power Heb. 4:12

When we hear His Word and receive it, it gives us LIFE! John 5:24

"I assure you, those who **listen to My message** and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life."

We Are _____! (6) "and **we are seated with Him** in the heavenly realms—
all because we are one with Christ Jesus."

"since we are His children, we will share His treasures.... everything God gives to His Son, Christ, is ours, too""and His servants will worship Him... they will see His face, ... they will reign forever and ever." Rev. 22

We will share His Throne!

We Are _____! (7) "And so God **can always point to us** as examples of the incredible wealth of His favor and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us through Christ Jesus."

Salvation and security are not programs or performance ..They are a PERSON

"all He has done for us through Christ Jesus"

Answers:

Forget, Sick, Depraved, Done, Loved, Exalted, Secure

August

Sun., 12th Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Teacher Appreciation Sunday
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Mon., 13th Students Back to School
Pray for Teacher and Students

Wed., 15th A Time to Pray 6:30 pm —7:00 pm in the Faith room
Youth Night at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Kids Ministry at 6:30 pm upstairs in the children's area
Daniel Bible Study at 7:00 pm—8:00 pm in the Faith room

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget

\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering

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