

“Don’t Ruin The Sermon”

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“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God being rich in mercy, because of the great love which he loved us, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...”

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I. DEAD is DEAD-“and you were DEAD in the trespasses and sins...” (v. 1)

- ⊙ One life is not more spiritually alert than the other.
- ⊙ Prior to Christ we are living corpses.
- ⊙ “Trespasses and sins”-innate corruption and alienation

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II. PAST IS PAST-“in which you once walked...we all once lived... and were by nature children of wrath” (v.2-3)

⊙ **Change is inevitable**

⊙ **This doesn't mean “sin” is no longer present in any our actions rather they are not dominate in our disposition.**

⊙ **Walking in the change requires:**

⊙ **Living according to your new disposition**

⊙ **Walking by His new pattern**

⊙ **Surrendering to His new course**

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III. GRACE is GRACE-“But God being rich in mercy, because of the great love which he loved us, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved...” (v. 4-5)

◎ “mercy” is *eleos* (gk), which means “underserved kindness”, is a translation of the Hebrew “hesed” which is “loyal love”

◎ “love” from verb “agapao”-to seek the highest good in the one loved”

◎ “saved”-in the perfect tense (express the present permanent state of a result of a past action!)

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