

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹As for you, you were **dead** in your transgressions and sins, ²in 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**. ³All 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**.

EPHESIANS 2:1-3 NIV (1984)

We are all guilty and members of a dysfunctional family.

⁴But 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. ⁶And God **raised us up** with Christ and **seated us with him** in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:4-7 NIV (1984)

Jesus's intervention rescued us from condemnation and brought us into His family.

- His motive: love
- His Action: the work of Christ on our behalf
- His purpose: to show the exceeding grace of His kindness

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

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 NIV (1984)

Our restoration can begin only when we recognize the full extent of our need. (Romans 8:1)

¹⁰For we are God's **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV (1984)

You are His masterpiece and you are beautiful.

Assignments

1. According to this passage, what is mankind's main problem and God's solution?

2. Write in one sentence, summarize how a person can be delivered from guilt and death according to Ephesians 2:1-10.

3. PRAYER: Thank Jesus for suffering and dying for you personally and making you His beautiful masterpiece.

4. OPTIONAL: For deeper understanding, read pages 178-181 of the *Discover Your True Self* book or listen to the Day 16 audiobook excerpt.