

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

By Grace Through Faith

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have been saved through faith. And this is not
your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result
of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we
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good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in them.

I Once Was Lost, But Now Am Found, . . .



I. I Once Was Lost, . . .

A. Who We Were

You Were Dead – **SPIRITUALLY DEAD** v.1



➤¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

➤ 1 Corinthians 2: ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

2. He is DISOBEDIENT v.2b

- ^{2b} the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- Genesis 2:¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
- Genesis 3: ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.



B. What was life like: WE WERE SLAVE TO THE WORLD

- ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air,
- 1 John 5:¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.
- (AMP) ¹⁹ We know [for a fact] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] lies in the power of the evil one [opposing God and His precepts].

Jesus warned his followers:

John 15: ¹⁸ “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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1. The Mighty Prince of the Air: SATAN

a. Occupation:

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John 8:⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

b. Job Description: The **TEMPTER**, The **ACCUSER**, & The **FATHER OF LIES**

2. You Were CONDEMNED v.3

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a. **Desire of the Body . . .**

- Desire to eat can become the sin of gluttony;
- Desire to sleep can become the sin of laziness;
- Desire for sex can become the sin of lust, or fornication, or adultery.

3. Desire of the Mind - THE SINS CHARACTERISTIC OF SATAN HIMSELF:

- 2 Corinthians 4:⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- 1 John 3: ⁸ The one who practices sin [separating himself from God, and offending Him by acts of disobedience, indifference, or rebellion] is of the devil [and takes his inner character and moral values from him, not God]; for the devil has sinned *and* violated God's law from the beginning. (AMP)

1. Jealousy

5. Hatred

2. Envy

6. Wrath/Anger

3. Malice

7. Bitterness

4. Pride

8. Deceptive

4. What is meant by Children of Wrath

- Romans 1:¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.
- Romans 5:⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
 - a. a lack of **CONTROL**
 - b. a lack of **DISCIPLINE**

II. But Now Am Found

A. What Has God Done v. 4, Galatians 1:4

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- a. We are dead in our transgressions and sins: **BUT GOD.**
- b. We are unresponsive and becoming more and more corrupt: **BUT GOD**
- c. Our best efforts result in failures and mistakes: **BUT GOD.**
- d. We are controlled by the world around us, by evil spiritual forces, by our inner drives and desires: **BUT GOD.**
- e. We deserve eternal judgment: **BUT GOD**



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1. He LOVED Us

➤ Galatians 1:⁴ who gave Himself [as a sacrifice to atone] for our sins [to save and sanctify us] so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, in accordance with the will *and* purpose *and* plan of our God and Father. (AMP)



2. What Did He Do It

a. He Hastened Us v. 5

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c. He KEEPS Us v. 7-8

➤⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

III. Was Blind, But Now I see.

A. Who We Are Now

1. We BELONG to God v. 8-10a

- ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works
- 2 Corinthians 5:¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
- Romans 8: ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew [and loved and chose beforehand], He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son [and ultimately share in His complete sanctification], so that He would be the firstborn [the most beloved and honored] among many believers. (AMP)

B. What Now 10b

1. We should WALK IN HIM

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2. We will **OVERCOME**

➤ 1 John 4: ⁴ Little children (believers, dear ones), you are of God *and* you belong to Him and have [already] overcome them [the agents of the antichrist]; because He who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world [of sinful mankind]. (AMP)

• James 4: ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Amazing Grace Lyrics

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

Believing involves thinking, talking, and acting
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I (YOUR NAME) Once Was Lost,
But Now (YOUR NAME) Found,
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Jesus Loves Me



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I (Damon) Once Was Lost,
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