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Ephesians 2:1-3

**SUPERSEDE**

= to force out; to take the place of

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience...

**Ephesians 1:19-20**

## INTRODUCTION

- forty-one years ago in May, I graduated from high school...and I was looking through my yearbook from back then

oddly enough, I remember things differently...

according to the book, I wasn't voted Most Likely To Succeed

I wasn't the most popular guy with the most girlfriends...

- so I have to tell you, the good old days don't seem like they were that good

👉 **Ephesians 2:1-3**

- in these verses, Paul takes us back to before we were saved...it is good to be reminded, from time to time, of the awesome grace of God that saved us

**Romans 6:17**

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

# 1. WE WERE DEAD **verse 1**

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

## REALLY & SINCERELY DEAD

**verse 5** Even when we were dead in sins,  
hath quickened us together with Christ,

we were spiritually dead; separated from God

**verse 12** ...having no hope; without God

a corpse does not feel, has no appetite,  
does not think or worry, etc.

he does not need *resuscitation*;  
he needs *resurrection*

NOTE: medical technology is amazing in that we can now 3D print replacement body parts, we can repair damaged tissue, heal various diseases, and swap out human organs with animal ones

but technology still has no cure for **DEAD**

think about it: when a man sets out to make or build something, he usually starts with the best materials; the freshest, the newest, etc.

God began with dead people!

**Genesis 17:17** Abraham laughed

## REASONS FOR THIS DEATH

trespasses = to fall aside

sins = to miss the mark

### **Romans 5:12**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### **Jeremiah 17:9**

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

## 2. WE WERE DELUDED **verse 2**

wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience...

deluded = to deceive; to mislead the mind

### ACCORDING TO THE COURSE

course = an age or period of time

cf The Roaring 20s, the hippies of the 60s,  
or the greed of the 80s

was everyone a hippie? of course not,  
but we generalize the view we carry  
around with us

the course of this world is always anti-God

 **Romans 3:10-18**

in our lost state, our noblest thoughts and  
ambitions were totally void of spiritual content

**Isaiah 64:6**

But we are all as an unclean thing, and  
all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;

### ACCORDING TO THE CORRUPTOR

the prince of the power of the air

satan's influence is as all-encompassing as the air

think about it: the air is all around us, it exerts  
constant but unnoticed pressure on us

satan always moves in the opposite  
direction of where God is leading

the spirit that now worketh

as lost people, we are the children of  
disobedience...literally, *children of the  
disobedient one*

**John 8:44**

**3** ...your father, the devil

NOTE: imagine being the son of Adolph Hitler or Charles Manson...who would want to be that guy???

in our unregenerate state, we were completely deceived by satan...like zombies, maybe

even now, lost people don't know they are dead, yet they go about doing all their daily things, thinking they are getting somewhere

### **2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## **3. WE WERE DEPRAVED verse 3**

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

### **DOING WHAT CAME NATURALLY**

we all had our conversation

conversation = manner of life; nature

the lost live to please self; it's all about me

### **Ephesians 5:29**

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it...

### **Psalms 58:3**

The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

# DEPRAVED BY NATURE

the flesh = fallen nature

all humans are **totally depraved**

## **Psalm 14:2-3**

The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

...but that does not mean we only do evil

## **Luke 6:33**

And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

## **Romans 2:14**

...the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law,

this is why it is important to look back and be reminded...otherwise, satan can convince us we weren't that bad after all

**verse 4 BUT GOD...**

## **Romans 5:8**

**But God** commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

## **Titus 3:3-5**

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. **But after that** the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

