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**Ephesians 2:1-10**

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Why do many of us who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior still feel defeated and struggle with sin? One reason may be that we have never grasped exactly what took place on the cross. Instead of living in our new identity in Christ, we're still seeing ourselves as hopeless sinners with no power to change.

To understand what a drastic transformation took place at salvation, let's see what God says about who we once were without Christ.

**Spiritually Dead.** We weren't simply the "walking wounded"; we were actually *dead* in our sins and powerless to make ourselves alive or able to relate to God.

**Deserving His Wrath and Judgment.** Our sins not only put a barrier between us and God but also made us enemies destined for His righteous condemnation.

**Helpless and Hopeless.** Nothing we could do would make us acceptable to God. We couldn't even turn to Him in repentance without His Spirit's intervention.

But God loved us! What an amazing thought—that the perfect, holy God would show rebellious sinners love and mercy. He sent His Son to rescue us by bearing our sins and suffering the divine wrath we deserved. Now all of us who believe in Christ and accept His saving work on our behalf are raised from spiritual death to eternal life.

The barriers that once kept us alienated from God have been removed in Christ. We no longer have to live defeated by sin, because we have the Spirit’s power to live in accordance with our new identity in Christ. God’s grace is sufficient—not only to save us but also to transform our lives.

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