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Ephesians 2:1-3

Followers of Christ know the importance of being saved, but the world sees no need for rescue. The truth is that those who don't have a personal relationship with God the Father through His Son Jesus are ...

- **Spiritually dead.** Spiritual death first occurred in the garden of Eden. Disobedience severed Adam and Eve's connection to God and caused all of their descendants—including us—to be separated from Him (Rom. 5:12). What this means is that we are born as "dead" people in need of new life. Unfortunately, those who have refused Jesus as Savior at the end of the age will experience another death when they're cast away from God (Matt. 25:41; Revelation 20:14).
- Living a life of sin. Our nature is to rebel against God, and that is called sin. Over and over we choose what pleases us, not Him, and any efforts we make to free ourselves from sin are in vain (John 8:34).
- **Under divine wrath.** Sinful man has nothing acceptable to offer holy God; there is no way to earn His approval and escape punishment.

Though our sins deserve His wrath, God made a way for us to escape it. Tomorrow we'll read about the Savior He sent to take the penalty in our place (Rom. 5:9).

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