



**Series:** Identity, Who You Are in Christ  
**Passage:** Ephesians 2:1-10  
**Title:** Born Dead, Raised to Life  
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**Discussion Starter** –What is the value of the “before pictures” when appreciating the final product of an “old house” renovation? What can these pictures tell us about the skill and patience of the builder?

### Read Ephesians 2:1-3

1. How does Paul describe a person’s identity before coming to Christ? Is this a universal condition for everyone? How can we be sure?
  - a. What does it mean to be called dead in trespasses and sin? What were the governing values and principles of our life? What 3 unreliable sources were used to form our values?
2. Why do people invent and promote different gods and philosophies? What are they responding to?
  - b. Why do they hold so strongly to these ideas, even when faced with the gospel of truth?
3. Read 1 John 5:19. Describe why the worldly definition of freedom, (life without guilt or consequences), is actually a life of bondage?
  - c. Can you explain to a nonbelieving friend how living in obedience to God is a life of freedom?
  - d. What 7 phrases are used in Ephesians 4:17-19 to describe the helpless condition of those outside of Christ?
4. Were you fully aware of your helpless condition before you came to Christ? How can a person come to understand something that he doesn’t know? How can we help to communicate these truths?

### Read Ephesians 1:4-10

5. At what point in our life did God “make us alive together with Christ”? What was His motivation to rescue us from our blindness and slavery?
6. Read John 12:23. What is the hour that Jesus is referencing in this verse? How does the cross glorify Jesus?
7. Read Romans 8:11. What supernatural gifting have we received as children of God?
  - e. When can we expect to experience God’s power and life to work in us?
8. Are you tempted to boast in your faith? What is the difference between boasting and rejoicing? (Ephesians 2:9)
9. What is God’s purpose for our lives? (Ephesians 2:10)
  - f. What is the difference between walking according to the course of this world, (Eph 2:2), and walking in the good works that God has prepared for us?