

**From Death to Life**  
**Ephesians 2:1-18**  
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**1) My deadly condition.**

Before God intervenes, we are spiritually dead.

“Just as a person physically dead does not respond to physical stimuli, so a person spiritually dead is unable to respond to spiritual things”. ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

Our spiritual desire is not functioning and can't until God gives us life.

We were spiritually dead because of our trespasses and sin. The unbeliever is not sick, he is dead!

*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.* **Psalm 51:5**

*The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.* **Psalm 58:3**

*And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

**Ephesians 2:1-3**

**Dead – vs. 1.**

**Disobedient – vs. 2-3a**

**Depraved – vs. 3**

**Doomed – vs. 3**

**That which seeks to pull us away and keep us from God:**

**The World**

*I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.* **John 17:15-16**

**The Enemy**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.* **1 Peter 5:8**

**My Flesh (self)**

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.* **1 John 2:15-17**

**That which keeps us from the Lord before He intervenes:**

Lust of the flesh.

Desires of the flesh.

Desires of the mind.

Apart from the work of Jesus, we are children of wrath and enemies of God.

With the Gospel, Good News is only good when I have understood, realized and felt the weight of the bad news.

## 2) God's intervention

Two of the most powerful words in all of Scripture ... *But God*.

**He loved us. (vs. 4)**

*By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

**1 John 3:16**

**He quickened us. (vs. 5)**

Acts 9:1-9

**He exalted us. (vs. 6)**

**He keeps us. (vs. 7-9)**

*For this reason, I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.* **2 Timothy 1:12**

## 3) My spiritual position.

Far away → Near (**vs. 13**)

At war → Peace (**vs. 14-15**)

Separated → Reconciled (**vs. 16-17**)

Without Christ → In Christ (**vs. 13**)

Aliens → A Holy Nation (**1 Peter 2:9**)

Strangers → No more strangers (**Ephesians 2:19**)

No Hope → Called in hope (**Ephesians 4:4**)

Without God → The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 1:3**)

## Prayer Focus:

Have I been reconciled to God through Jesus?

Thank God for what He did for us and for what only He could do.

Thank God for the time He stepped in, "But God."

Seek and ask God to intervene in your life, your friend's life, your work life and your church life only as He can.