

Simply Discipleship

Sermon Outline

Part 1- From Death to Life

Ephesians 2:1-10

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-Key Concept 1: We must be born again.

-Key Concept 2: We must actively engage in the process of spiritual growth.

1. Our Condition Outside of Christ (1-3)

- a. We were dead in trespasses and sin.
- b. We walked according to the course of this world and Satan.
- c. We conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh.
- d. We fulfilled the desires of the flesh and of the mind.
- e. We were by nature children of wrath.

2. Our Position Inside of Christ (4-9)

- a. We are made alive together with Christ.
- b. We are raised up together with Christ.
- c. We are sat together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

3. Our Purpose in Christ (10)

- a. We are God's workmanship.
- b. We are created in Christ Jesus for good works.

Discipleship Small Group (Participant's Guide)

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Discussion Questions:

HE Is...

1. What do we learn about God from this passage?

We are...

2. What do we learn about ourselves from the passage?
3. What does it mean to be dead in trespasses and sin?
4. What does it mean to be made alive in Christ?
5. What is a disciple of Christ?
6. How does a person become a disciple of Christ?
7. After you become a disciple of Christ, what then?

I will...

8. What is hindering you from being a faithful disciple of Christ?

You can...

9. Who do you know that needs to hear this message?

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Leader Directions:

- *Read the passage together.*
- *Have someone re-tell the passage in their own words.*
- *Use the heading He is, We are, I will, and You can to guide the discussion questions below.*

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I. RAISED AND SEATED ON THE THRONE (1-10)

A. OUR CONDITION OUTSIDE OF CHRIST (1-3)

1. Dead in trespasses and sins (1)
2. Walking according to the course of the world and the devil (2)
3. Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind, by nature the children of wrath (3)

B. MADE ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST (4-10)

1. God made us alive together with Christ (4-5)
 - a. By virtue of His mercy and great love
 - b. Even when dead in trespasses
 - c. By His grace we have been saved
2. God raised us with Christ (6-7)
 - a. Made to sit with Him in heavenly places
 - b. That in ages to come God might show the exceeding riches of His grace
3. Saved by grace through faith (8-9)
 - a. Not of ourselves, it is the gift of God
 - b. Not of works, lest any man should boast
4. We are thus God's workmanship (10)
 - a. Created in Christ Jesus for good works
 - b. Created to walk in good works which God prepared beforehand
 - c.

II. RECONCILED AND SET INTO THE TEMPLE (11-22)

A. THE GENTILES' CONDITION "WITHOUT" CHRIST (11-12)

1. Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
2. Strangers from the covenants of promise
3. Having no hope and without God in the world

B. THE GENTILES' CONDITION "THROUGH" CHRIST (13-18)

1. Made near by the blood of Christ (13)
2. Can now be "one body" with the Jews, because...
 - a. Jesus has made Jew and Gentile both one, breaking down the wall of division between them (14)
 - b. Jesus abolished in His flesh the law of commandments contained in ordinances that had separated them (15)
 - c. Jesus now reconciles them both to God in one body through the cross (16)
 - d. Jesus preached peace to those afar off and those near (17)
3. Can now have access by one Spirit to the Father (18)

C. THE GENTILES' CONDITION "IN" CHRIST (19-22)

1. They are now "fellow citizens with the saints" (19)
2. They are now "members of the household of God" (19)
3. They are now part of "a holy temple in the Lord" (20-22)
 - a. Built upon a foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus the cornerstone
 - b. Joined together and growing as a holy temple, a habitation of God in the Spirit