By Nature vs. By Grace Ephesians 2:1-10

I. Human Condition: *By Nature* (2:1-3)

A. We were dead (vv. 1-2a) • Ephesians 4:18 – alienated from the life of God Spiritual death is being spiritually separated from God

 trespasses: Gr. paraptōma – false step; to slip or fall or go the wrong direction • sins: Gr. hamartia – missing of the mark or target, a falling short of a standard. In this context, sin is missing God's target (i.e., His glory!)

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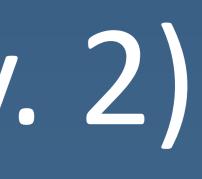


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B. We were enslaved by the: • world – following the course of this world (v. 2) devil – following the prince of the power of the air (v. 2) • flesh – lived in the passions of our flesh (v. 3a)

C. We were condemned (v. 3b): by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind

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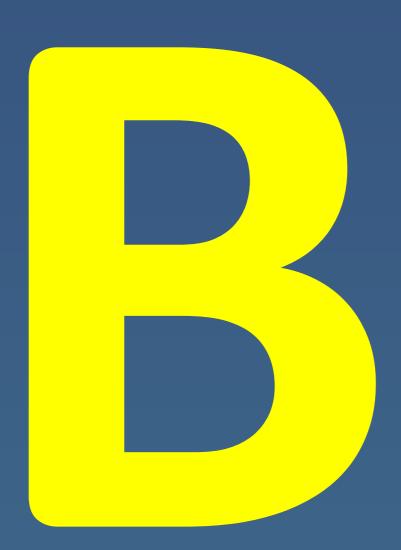


We were spiritually dead ... enslaved ... condemned ...

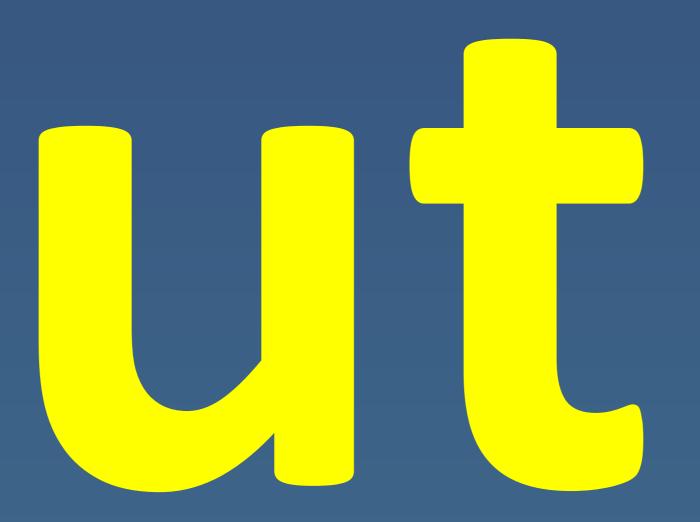
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II. Divine Compassion: By Grace (2:4-10)

A. God saved us (vv. 4-7) made us alive together with Christ — Resurrection • raised us up with Him seated us with Him

Why did God save us??

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Ascension Session (Christ)



A. God saved us (vv. 4-7) God saved us because of His: • Rich mercy • Great ove Amazing grace Also, to show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:19 – *immeasurable* greatness of His power)

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• Gift of God (v. 8)

C. We are His workmanship

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B. Salvation is by grace through faith Not a result of works (v. 9)

 workmanship: Gr. poiēma - a thing that has been made. "poet", "poem" – the idea of a work of art; a masterpiece • For good works which God prepared beforehand

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