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**New People for the Glory of God**

We are Dead People Made Alive

Ephesians 2:1-10

**Psalm 51:5**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
    and in sin did my mother conceive me.

*We were dead* (Eph 2:1-3)

* We violate God’s holy commands (vs. 1-2a)

“Before God we are both rebels and failures.”

**John Stott**

* We walk according to ways of the rest of the world (v. 2b)

“Their behavior has been determined by the powerful influences of society’s attitudes, habits, and preferences which were alien to God and his standards.”

**Peter O’Brien**

* We think according to the lies of the devil (v. 2c)

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**John 12:31**

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

**Colossians 1:13**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

* We are controlled by impulses of the sinful flesh (v. 3a)

**James 1:13-14**

13Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

**James 4:1**

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

* We are subject to God’s wrath (v. 3b)

*God made us alive* (Eph 2:4-10)

* He acts according to His nature of mercy (v. 4)
* He unites us with His Son (vs. 5-7, 10)

 **BEFORE AFTER**

Under God’s wrath Receive His rich mercy

Dead Alive in Christ

Subject to the devil Raised and seated with Christ

Follow this world Live in heavenly places in Christ

Succumb to sinful impulses of the flesh Created workmanship in Christ Jesus

Walk in trespasses and sins Walk in good works

* He humbles us (vs. 8-9)

**Philippians 1:29**

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

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