

Who are the spiritually dead (2:3)?

What does it mean to be “deserving of wrath” (2:3)?

Why did God act on behalf of sinners (2:4-5)?

What does it mean to be rich in mercy (2:4, Psalm 103:1-10)?

What outcomes does God have in mind for those who are alive in Christ (2:6-7, 10)?

In your own words describe what it means that salvation is...

- “by grace alone”
- “through faith alone”
- “not a result of works”

How do you see God’s creative workmanship operating in your life since you have trusted Christ (2:10)?

### **Live It**

What are the “former” (2:2) and “but now” (2:4) parts of your story of salvation (2 Corinthians 5:17)?

Share your story of how God used people, events, and His word in your life to bring you to a saving knowledge of Christ. Tell someone you know what it means to be spiritually alive.

### **Broken! Made New!**

*“Made New in Christ”*

Ephesians 2:1-10

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

### **Sermon Proposition**

You Are a New Creature in Christ.

### **Remember What You Were!**

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins!*

Ephesians 2:1 (NIV)

### **Trust What God Has Done!**

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.*

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

### **Embrace What You Are!**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

### **Discussion Questions**

*"Made Alive with Christ"*

Ephesians 2:1-10

### **Read It**

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:1–10 (NIV)

### **Open It**

When have you experienced the gift of mercy by another person? What was it like?

### **Consider It**

Consider what it means to be spiritually dead even while we are physically alive (2:1; Romans 6:12-14).

- What abilities do the spiritually dead have to live for God?
- What external forces influence the spiritually dead?
- What internal drives shape the behavior of the spiritually dead?