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Alive Together

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10

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"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. 'Come and see… Go and tell… He has risen from the dead.'" —Matthew 28:6

"Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of the resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed." —John Stott

OUR _____

[1]And you were dead in the trespasses and sins [2]in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—[3]among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. [4]But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us…
—Ephesians 2:1-4

"It is as though the whole world is one vast graveyard and every gravestone had the same inscription, 'Dead through sin.' All died of the same dread disease. The manifestations of this death are seen in the moral decay, the spiritual blindness and total indifference to the things of God which characterize the unregenerate." —Curtis Vaughn

GOD'S _____

[4]But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, [5]even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. —Ephesians 2:4-5

THE _____

[8]For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9]not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10]For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before-hand, that we should walk in them.
—Ephesians 2:8-10

Notes:

1. God's _____ is not dependent on our _____.

Our radical sinfulness vs. God's radical righteousness

"Because God is gracious, therefore sinful men are forgiven, converted, purified and saved. It is not because of anything in them, or that ever can be in them, that they are saved; but because of the boundless love, goodness, compassion, mercy and grace of God." —Charles H. Spurgeon

2. God's _____ eliminates our _____.

[3]For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4]that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, [5]and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. —1 Corinthians 15:3-5

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"Just as it would make no sense to freely receive a Christmas present and then spend the rest of your life working to keep it, it makes no sense to receive Christ through faith, and then depend on your own efforts to keep Him. (Galatians 3:1-5)"
—Bret Legg

3. Our _____ is exchanged for God's _____.

Faith doesn't cancel works, it creates them!

"Godliness is not the consequence of your capacity to imitate God, but the consequence of His capacity to reproduce Himself in you." —Major Ian Thomas

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