

¹AND YOU WERE DEAD IN THE TRESPASSES AND SINS ²IN WHICH YOU ONCE WALKED, FOLLOWING THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD, FOLLOWING THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR,

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THE SPIRIT THAT IS NOW AT WORK IN THE SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE—³AMONG WHOM WE ALL ONCE LIVED IN THE PASSIONS OF OUR FLESH,

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CARRYING OUT THE DESIRES OF THE BODY AND THE MIND, AND WERE BY NATURE CHILDREN OF WRATH, LIKE THE REST OF MANKIND. ⁴BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY,

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BECAUSE OF THE GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVED US, ⁵EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRESPASSES, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST—

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BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED—⁶AND RAISED US UP WITH HIM AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS, ⁷SO THAT IN THE COMING AGES

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HE MIGHT SHOW THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF HIS GRACE IN KINDNESS TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS.
—EPHESIANS 2:1-7

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I. A SPIRITUAL AUTOPSY OF HUMANITY

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WITHOUT THE LIVING CHRIST...

• WE ARE WALKING DEAD

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WITHOUT THE LIVING CHRIST...

• WE ARE DEMONSTRATING DEPRAVITY

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"THEIR HABITUAL BEHAVIOR HAD BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY SINNING. THEIR STANDARD OF CONDUCT HAD BEEN 'ACCORDING TO THE AGE OF THIS WORLD SYSTEM.'

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BECAUSE THEY WERE DEAD TOWARD GOD, THEIR ACTIVITY WAS ENTIRELY A RESPONSE TO THIS WORLD SYSTEM. THEY BREATHED ITS ATMOSPHERE AND PATTERNED THEIR LIVES AFTER IT." —HOMER KENT

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WITHOUT THE LIVING CHRIST...

• WE ARE FACING DOOM

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GUILT OF CHRONOLOGICAL SNOBBERY: "IN ARROGANCE WE SEE PEOPLE FROM THE PAST AS MORE NAÏVE, PRIMITIVE AND LESS SOPHISTICATED THAN OURSELVES. BUT THE TRUTH IS

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PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME—DEAD, DEPRAVED AND DOOMED—AND WE ARE AS PAGAN TODAY AS AT ANY OTHER TIME OR GENERATION IN HISTORY." —C.S. LEWIS

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2. A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY BY GRACE

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A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY BY GRACE

• GOD'S OVERWHELMING LOVE

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¹⁶FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

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¹⁷FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.

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¹⁸WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED, BUT WHOEVER DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY SON OF GOD...

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³⁶WHOEVER BELIEVES IN THE SON HAS ETERNAL LIFE; WHOEVER DOES NOT OBEY THE SON SHALL NOT SEE LIFE, BUT THE WRATH OF GOD REMAINS ON HIM. —JOHN 3:16-18, 36

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A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY BY GRACE

• GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

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A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY BY GRACE

• GOD'S ENDURING KINDNESS

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"PAUL PAINTS A BRIGHT PORTRAIT OF GOD'S GRACE THAT STANDS IN DRAMATIC CONTRAST TO THE DARK LANDSCAPE OF HUMAN SIN. BY GIVING BELIEVERS LIFE WITH CHRIST,

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RAISING THEM WITH CHRIST AND SEATING THEM WITH CHRIST IN HIS PLACE OF VICTORY, GOD HAS DEMONSTRATED THE OVERWHELMING MERCIFUL LOVING AND GRACIOUS NATURE OF HIS CHARACTER.

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THIS DEMONSTRATION OF HIS CHARACTER IS NOT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED AS A SIDE EFFECT OF HIS GRACIOUS SAVING WORK, BUT WAS THE VERY PURPOSE FOR WHICH HE DID THIS WORK.

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HE RESCUED THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST FROM THE DOMINATION OF THE WORLD, THE DEVIL AND THE FLESH SO THAT HE MIGHT DEMONSTRATE FOREVER

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THE OVERWHELMING NATURE OF HIS CHARACTER.”
—FRANK THIELMAN

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