



**Who You Are by Nature**  
5<sup>th</sup> in the “Ephesians” Series  
Ephesians 2:1-3  
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**Introduction**

In this passage, we learn about our spiritual condition and life without Christ.

This text gives us five truths about our status before God and the nature of our life without Christ.

1) Without Christ, you are spiritually dead (v. 1).

2) Without Christ, your life is permeated and dominated by “ways of the world” (v. 2).

3) Without Christ, you are influenced by Satan and stricken with his ministry of disobedience (v. 2).

*Ephesians 6:12 – For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

4) Without Christ, you are directed by the cravings of your flesh (v. 3).

5) Without Christ, you deserve the wrath of God (v. 3).

*Romans 3:23-25 – <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

**Response**

Lord, help us to see the gospel and our need of it through the ministry of your Holy Word.

## Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) Since sin is as bad as the Bible says it is, why does the world not see it, and why can even Christians minimize its effects in our lives?
  
- 2) How do you respond to Paul's description of you in v. 1: "You were dead in your transgressions and sins?"
  
- 3) What does it mean to be spiritually "dead," and how can you see spiritual death in the world and in your (former) life?
  
- 4) The apostle Paul describes three influences on every person: the world, Satan, and our flesh (vv. 2-3). How does "the world" (culture, secularism, paganism) influence your life, and how can a Christian seek to follow God while still living in the world?
  
- 5) What does Paul mean when he says that Satan is "now at work in" the non-Christian (v. 2)? How can Christians avoid and protect themselves from the influence of Satan?
  
- 6) Are you aware of the "cravings" of your sinful "flesh" and its misaligned "desires and thoughts" (v. 3)? How do you seek to submit your fleshly cravings to the Lord and live according to his revealed will for your life?
  
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

**Further study this week:** Passages related to the message of this week's text: James 4:17 (Mon); Romans 6:23 (Tues); 1 John 1:8-10 (Wed); Galatians 5:19-21 (Thurs); Psalm 51:5 (Fri).