

DEAD TO LIFE

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Three Truths:

1) We were _____ but God made us alive with Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT) (1) Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. (2) You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. (3) All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

Ephesians 2:4-7 (NLT) (4) But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, (5) that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) (6) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. (7) So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:8 (NLT) (8) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

2) We are _____ but created to do good works.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT) (8) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. (9) Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. (10) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

FAITH IS THE RESPONSE WE NEED TO HAVE TO GOD'S GRACE, LOVE, AND KINDNESS.

SALVATION IS THE GIFT WE RECEIVE.

GOOD WORKS DON'T EARN OUR SALVATION BUT THEY ARE THE EVIDENCE OF IT.

John 10:10 (NLT) (10) The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) (16) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (17) ***God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.***

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) (13) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

3) The _____ tears down the walls between us.

Ephesians 2:14–22 (NLT) (14) For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. (15) He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. (16) Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. (17) He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. (18) Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. (19) So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. (20) Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. (21) We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. (22) Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

a) There is _____ among God's people.

Galatians 3:26–28 (NLT) (26) For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (27) And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. (28) There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**PREJUDICE SAYS "I'M MORE WORTHY THAN YOU."
THE CROSS SAYS "WE WERE BOTH DEAD. WE WERE BOTH SAVED BY GRACE.
AND WE ARE BOTH FAMILY."**

**WHO HAVE YOU WRITTEN OFF OR LOOK DOWN ON BECAUSE THEY ARE
DIFFERENT THAN YOU?**

b) We need to stop fighting over the non-essentials and focus on _____ .

John 17:21 (NLT) (21) I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

ARE YOU LIVING YOUR LIFE LIKE YOU BELIEVE IT IS TRUE?