

Sermon Title: Dead to Alive in Christ

Sermon Date: March 13, 2016 Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

- 1. Meet in groups of 2 or 3. Come up with a list of ways that use the word "dead" without referring to physically dead.
- 2. What does it mean to be "dead in sin" according to the Bible? Why such a strong word?
- 3. How does Jesus use the word dead in Matthew 8:21-22?
- 4. In your own words, explain the phrase, "objects of wrath." Does this seem reasonable?
- 5. According to Vs. 4, what character qualities define God? Talk about ways you've experienced these.
- 6. How would you define grace and what makes it so amazing?
- 7. Think back on when you were first made alive in Christ. When was it? What did God use to bring you to that moment?
- 8. How is it possible for Christians who are alive to sometimes feel so dead? Are there ways death can still have a hold on us?
- 9. Verse 6 talks about two things that already happened to Christians. Have they? Explain.
- 10. What does each person need to have to be saved? Why is this not something we can boast about? How do we push back against the spiritual pride that sometimes creeps in to our faith?
- 11. Do you think Christians normally see each other as God's workmanship? Why or why not? How can we improve in this?
- 12. What good works have you enjoyed doing for Jesus? Are you still willing to try? What keeps you from doing good works?
- 13. What is the challenge of Hebrews 10:24? How might Vs. 25 help?