

Ephesians: God's New Community
Made Alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-10)

Before: We were dead in our sins (v.1-3)

Our actions led to death:

Our sins (v.1)

Our enslavement (v.2-3)

Our condemnation (v.3)

After: God made us alive in Christ (v.4-9)

God's actions brought life:

God's character (v.4)

God's power (v.5)

God's generosity (v.5-7)

God's glory (v.8-9)

Our new purpose: To live is Christ (v.10)

God made us alive to live for Christ:

"We are God's handiwork"

"Created in Christ Jesus to do good works"

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Digging Deeper notes for personal or group reflection

Before: We were dead in our sins (v.1-3)

Why do you think it's important to face the truth about our sin and its consequences?

Looking back at your life before you were a Christian, can you identify ways in which you were enslaved to 'the world', 'the devil', and 'the flesh'?

After: God made us alive in Christ (v.4-9)

How can we hold God's character attributes of wrath, love, mercy, grace and kindness together?

Why is grace so amazing?

How would you use these verses to explain the gospel to a non-Christian friend in one minute?

Our new purpose: To live is Christ (v.10)

How are 'good works' described in v.10 different than the 'works' described in v.9?

How could the words of v.10 transform normal or mundane tasks which you do in the course of everyday life?