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The Gospel

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(1) *As for you, **you were dead** (2) in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. (3) All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.*

(4) But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, (5) made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (6) And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, (7) in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (8) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— (9) not by works, so that no one can boast.

(10) For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Fleshly Life – Everything in this life is tainted with sin.

Genesis 6:5 - *The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.*

Isaiah 64:6 - *All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. We all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind, our sins sweep us away.*

Jeremiah 17:9 - *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.*

Romans 3:10-12, Psalm 14:1-3, Psalm 53:1-3 - *There is no one righteous, not even one.*

Romans 3:23 - *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Notice that:

- **Everyone** begins spiritually separated from God, in spiritual deadness, no spiritual life. We have a spirit, but our human spirit apart from God a dead spirit.
- The root problem is a **spiritual** one.

1 John 5:19

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

1 John 2:15-16 - *For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – come not from the Father, but from the world.*

The Saved Life – God worked to make us Alive, Healed, Washed, Reborn

1 Peter 3:18 - *Christ died for sins, once for all ... to bring you to God.*

1 Peter 2:24 - *He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree ... By His stripes we are healed.*

Titus 3:5 - *...washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:4 - *But because of his great love for us, God ... made us alive with Christ...*

John 3:16 says – *God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son,*

Result – A Purposeful Life

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(10) For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!

It's Your Choice

God WANTS you in His kingdom, but it is your choice.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

1 Peter 3:9

God is not slow in keeping His promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance (change your mind).

Accept Jesus Christ into your life Today! Pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, I confess that I've sinned and am a part of this sinful world.

Thank you for dying on the cross to forgive my sins.

I accept your invitation to live in eternally peace and joy in Your kingdom through faith in You. In Jesus Name. Amen.