

# Our Identity and Why We Help People Trust and Follow Jesus

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. First, the **Bad News** on our Natural Identity.

As for you, you were dead 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. (Eph. 2:1-2)

2. Our Destiny **Without Jesus** is Dire.

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.(Ephesians 2:3)

3. Because of His Love, God Brings **Us to Life**.

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5).

4. We are **Now Identified** With Christ.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 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. (Ephesians 2:6-7)

5. God Gives It All to Us **By Grace**.

For by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

6. Our New Identity is to Do **Good Works**.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10).

- **We Have Been Blessed Beyond Measure**
- **Disciples Live By Faith and Do Good Works**