

Message Notes

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IN CHRIST: Dead to Sin
Ephesians 2:1-7
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◆ Being convinced of our identity in Christ _____ the way we live.

You Were (Before Christ) – Verses 1-3

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. 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. (v. 1-3)

- ① _____ in our _____ nature. (Rom. 5:12-13, 18)
- ◆ Committing sinful acts does not _____ us sinners, we commit sinful acts because we _____ sinful by nature. (Mt. 15:18-19)
- ② Disobedient and _____ to sin. (Gal. 4:9; Eph. 2:1-3; Titus 3:3)
- ◆ Our “_____” is our desire to be God instead of under God. (Rom. 8:4-5)
- ③ _____ of God’s wrath. (Nahum 1; Rom 2:5-6, 5:8-9; 2 Thess. 1:7-9)
- ◆ THE LIE: this is still _____. Dead in sin & sin still in control.

You Are (IN CHRIST) – Verses 4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved. (v. 4-5)

- ① Made us _____ with Christ. (Rom. 6:11, 13; 7:5-6, 10; 8:6, 10; Col. 2:13)
- ◆ We are given a completely _____ nature. (Ez. 18:31, 36:26; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rev. 2:17)
- ② _____ us up (Col. 2:12) and _____ us with Christ. (Col. 3:1)

Practicing Being Alive IN CHRIST

- ① We now have power over sin – we can choose not to sin!

For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. (Rom. 6:6)

- ◆ Defense: Believe our identity and recognize temptation when it attacks. (Rom. 6:11-14)
- ◆ Offense: Replace the temptation with Truth. (Eph. 6:17)
- ② When we do sin, remind yourself of your identity in Christ.

