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**“Ephesians – A Journey of Identification”**

**“I Am Alive”**

***“But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.” Ephesians 2:4-5a NLT***

# **“Once you were dead” with influences…**

***“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. Vs 1-2***

1. You were dead because you were following the of this world.
2. You were dead because you were following the “ of power of the air.”
3. You were dead because you were following the spirit of

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1. **“Once you were dead” with influences…**

***“All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.” Vs 3***

1. You were dead because you followed and satisfied the of your sinful nature.
2. You were dead because you followed the of your sinful nature.
3. You were dead because you followed the of your sinful nature.
4. **“Once you were dead” …**
5. You were an to the gospel as a Gentile.

***“Don’t forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders.” Vs 11a***

1. You were living from Christ.

***“In those days you were living apart from Christ.” Vs 12a***

1. You were excluded from citizenship, you were , and you were strangers.

***“You were excluded from citizenship…you (were)…strangers and foreigners.” Vs 12b,19b***

1. You did not know the of God.

***“…you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them.” Vs 12b***

1. You were without God and without .

***“You lived in this world without God and without hope.” Vs 12c***

*When you are dead, what can you do to bring yourself to life? Nothing!*

1. **But now…**
2. Because God is rich in !

***“But God is so rich in mercy…” Vs 4a***

1. Because God is great in !

***“…and he loved us so much,” Vs 4b***

1. Because God is full of !

***“(It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)” Vs 5b***

1. Because God has an incomparable amount of in grace and riches in kindness…**He gives us life**!!

***“…he incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us…” Vs7b***

1. **But now…**
2. He seats us with Him in heavenly .

***“For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in***

***the heavenly realms…” Vs 6a***

1. We become an of His grace.

***“So God can point to us in all future ages as examples…” Vs 7a***

1. We are with Christ and are brought near to Him.

***“But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away***

***from God, but now you have been brought near…” Vs 13a***

1. We have .

***“For Christ himself has brought peace to us.” Vs 14a***

1. We are united with all .

***“He united Jews and Gentiles into one people…” Vs 14b***

1. We are a part of one .

***“Together as one body…” Vs 16a***

1. We are part of a .

***“You are members of God’s family.” Vs 19b***

1. We are God’s or His dwelling place.

***“We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.” Vs 21***

1. Jesus is our !

***“And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.” Vs 20b***

1. **It all comes by …**
2. Salvation is a of God.

***“…it is a gift from God…” Vs 8b***

1. It is not a .

***“Salvation is not a reward…” Vs 9a***

1. It is not by .

***“Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have***

***done…” Vs 9a***

1. So, there is no !

***“…so none of us can boast about it.” Vs 9b***

1. Salvation is given because of His .

***“God saved you by his grace…” Vs 8a***

1. Salvation is received through .

***“…when you believed.” Vs 8b***

1. The works are then the evidence of our faith and fulfill the purpose for which He us!

***“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we***

***can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Vs 10***

May 28, 2017 “I Am a Servant” ***Ephesians 3:1-21***

June 4, 2017 “I Am United” ***Ephesians 4:1-16***

June 11, 2017 “I Am Filled” ***Ephesians 4:17-5:20***

June 18, 2017 “I Am Related” ***Ephesians 5:21-6:9***

June 25, 2017 “I Am a Warrior” ***Ephesians 6:10-24***