

# Ephesians 2:1-4

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*1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us*

## Paul talks about our state before salvation

### And You were... (vs. 1-3)

1. By reading back through chapter one and through the end of chapter 2, what is the connection between chapter 1 and chapter two? (note the AND in vs. 1)
2. What does Paul mean here by using the word “dead”?
3. What is the role of the world, the flesh and the devil in the lives of the spiritually dead?
4. How does our relationship to these three things change in Jesus Christ?
5. What does the bible mean when it says that we are “by nature children of wrath”? Why should that create an urgency in us for the unsaved?

### But God... (vs. 4)

1. The conjunction “but” always implies a contrast or a surprise result, what is the relationship between vs. 1-3 and vs. 4?
2. According to vs. 4, where is the foundation of our salvation?
3. Since for Christians, this is all in the past tense. What bearing does this information have on our present lives?