

## But God

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Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

**Observation 1** - \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ, we are spiritually dead. (2:1-3)

1. We were \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We were \_\_\_\_\_.

a. We followed the \_\_\_\_\_.

b. We followed \_\_\_\_\_.

*But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 2 Tim. 3:1-5*

c. We followed our \_\_\_\_\_.

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. Galatians 5:16-17*

3. We were \_\_\_\_\_.

*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God.  
Hebrews 10:31*

**Observation 2** - **With** Christ, we are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_. (2:4-7)

1. First look at God's \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Rich in \_\_\_\_\_. (v.4a)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ (v 4a)

*...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

c. Full of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5,8)

d. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ work (2:5-7)

a. Made us \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ (v.5)

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Cor.5:17*

b. \_\_\_\_\_ us up with Christ. (v.6a)

*...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:12*

c. \_\_\_\_\_ us with Christ (v.6b)

d. \_\_\_\_\_ grace on us forever in Christ (v. 7)

**Observation 3** - In Christ, we are God's \_\_\_\_\_ (2:8-10)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a gift (v.8-9)

2. No one can \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9a)

*Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. 1 Cor 1:31*

3. Salvation results in good \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10)

*I am not what I ought to be—ah, how imperfect and deficient! I am not what I wish to be—I abhor what is evil, and I would cleave to what is good! I am not what I hope to be—soon, soon shall I put off mortality, and with mortality all sin and imperfection. Yet though I am not what I ought to be, nor what I hope to be, I can truly say, I am not what I once was; a slave to sin and to Satan; and I can heartily join with the apostle, and acknowledge, “by the grace of God I am what I am.”*

*John Newton.*