

OUR SPIRITUAL BIOGRAPHY -- WHAT WE WERE
Part One

Text: Eph. 2:1-10

The power of Ob
Saving Grace

INTRO: One of the greatest chapters in the Bible. Most of us just common enough to never have people interested in our lives...no one will write our life story. BUT GOD HAS. In these ten verses He has written the entire history of the human race. Every man finds himself in this passage. In Three parts...WHAT WE WERE; WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US; WHY GOD DID IT. OUR PAST, OUR PRESENT, OUR PURPOSE.

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Vv. 1-3...These are dark, morbid words, but you can't appreciate salvation till you appreciate what we've been saved from. Paul is endeavoring to paint a majestic picture of God's saving grace.

Can't understand man and the world as they are today without understanding this passage.

I. DEAD IN SIN

Vs. 1--"Dead on account of, because of, sin."

Man is dead and the epitaph reads, "DIED OF SINS AND TRESSPASSES."

*The story of spiritual death...it's origin in the garden, Scriptures. Sin severs man's lifeline...NO SPIRITUAL LIFE.

THE LIFE OF A LOST MAN IS A LIVING DEATH!

God, in attempting to describe our condition, takes up a word that expresses to our minds the worst thing that can happen, most dreadful, radical, hopeless, descriptive phrase.

NOT SICK, NOT WEAK, BUT DEAD!