

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

DEATH TO LIFE

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DISCUSSION

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2. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. Before receiving Christ, what was our nature, and the nature of all non-Christians?
3. Before putting your faith in Jesus, how were you a "child of wrath"?
4. A. Who is the "prince of the power of the air"?
B. How does knowing that non-Christians follow him, often unwittingly, affect your view of them?
5. Verse 4 in ESV begins with the words "But God...", showing us that short of God's intervention, we would have continued in our sorrowful state. We can see a foreshadowing of this in Joseph's life. Read Genesis 50:20, where Joseph is speaking to his brothers. What do you learn about God's sovereignty and intervention in our lives as Christians through this story?
6. Since we're not perfect even after receiving Christ, what's the difference between a Christian and non-Christian regarding sin?
7. A. In vv. 4-6, what does Paul say are God's reasons for making us "alive together with Christ"?
B. According to vv. 8-9, what could we do to qualify us for this?
8. In v. 6, what does God do after He saves us? According to v. 7, what is His purpose in doing so?
9. In v. 6, what does it mean that God "raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"? Take a look at Colossians 2:12-13 and Colossians 3:1-4.

APPLICATION

Verse 10 tells us that the credit for our salvation and redemption belongs to God alone as we are *His* workmanship, created *in* Christ Jesus for good works that *He* prepared. Our response should be to humbly seek and carry out the good works he has prepared for us in our relationships in the church, our families, at work, and in our neighborhoods and the world.

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