



Scripture teaches us that we are completely dead without Christ. Completely separated from God. No pulse. No hope. That's the bad news. Paul doesn't leave us hopeless. Paul describes our spiritual condition and then some of the most hope-filled words in the entire Bible show up: "But God..." God steps in and brings the dead back to life. God takes our life, that was dead without Him and brings hope to our current condition. You're going to see in our passage today that Paul had a vision to see God's Kingdom built up. Today we'll see that Paul teaches us we were once dead in our sins, now we are alive in Christ, and we've been saved by grace.

1. Neal shared the Princess Bride illustration when Miracle Max said Westley was: "mostly dead" vs. "completely dead." Think back to your life before trusting Christ, where can you now see that you were completely dead in your sins?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1–3. What stands out to you about Paul's description of our condition before Christ? (read John 10:10, Galatians 5:19–21, and Romans 12:2) How do you see "the world, the flesh, and the devil" at work in today's culture?
3. Paul uses two words—transgressions (active rebellion) and sins (anything contrary to God's plan). Which one do you tend to recognize more easily in your own life?
4. Read Ephesians 2:4–7. What do the words "But God" mean to you personally? Share a moment where God stepped in and brought new life or hope into your story. Read Mark 5:18–20 and Luke 19:9–10. What do these passages teach us about the new life God brings to His people?
5. Paul says we are "seated with Christ" (v. 6). What does that truth say about our identity and worth in God's eyes? How does this statement impact our current situation and the future hope we have in Christ?
6. Read Ephesians 2:8–10. Paul teaches us the importance to remember that salvation is by grace through faith, not by works (read 2 Timothy 1:9 and Titus 3:5) How does this truth shape the way we relate to others?
7. Verse 10 says we are God's workmanship (poema). How does knowing you are God's masterpiece affect the way you view yourself and others? (see Genesis 1:27)
8. This Sunday, Coastline gave out a new prayer card to write down names of people you want to see come to faith. Who are some of the people God is putting on your heart? How can our group commit to praying with you for them this week?