

FROM DEATH TO LIFE
Series: Identity: Who We Are in Christ
(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)
– Ephesians 2:1-7 –

I. OUR PAST – Where were we? (vss. 1–3)

- ▶ You were _____
- ▶ You were _____
- ▶ You were _____
- ▶ You were _____

II. OUR PRESENT – Where are we now? (vss. 4–6)

- ▶ Because of Jesus we are _____
- ▶ Because of God's mercy we are _____
- ▶ Because of God's grace we are _____

III. OUR FUTURE – Where are we going? (vs. 7)

“...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 1:6

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. What in this passage do you think might be most surprising to a new Christian reading it for the first time? Why?
3. Do verses 1-3 paint an accurate picture of you in the past? To what degree? Were these characteristics an obvious part of your life, or more of an underlying reality?
4. What do verses 4-7 say about God's character? His work in us?
5. In light of this passage, discuss how much you agree or disagree with this statement: Faith is not so much something we must develop before we can be saved, but more a gift God gives us *because* He is saving us.
6. What does it matter to you – practically or emotionally – whether a right relationship with God is a *gift* to be received or a *prize* to be earned?
7. Does the gospel message excite you as it does Paul? Why or why not? What could help you to experience its life and vitality again?