

## Ephesians 2:1-10 • Leaving Our Corpse Behind

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1. (v.1) A spiritual corpse is the result of “**trespasses**” (a lapse from doing what we know is **right**) and “**sins**” (continued separation from God by our **behavior**).
2. (v.2) Three contributing factors producing a “living corpse”:
  - a. “...*the course of this world*...”: the normal working of the **physical world**.
  - b. “...*the prince of the power of the air*...”: the deliberate, manipulative force at work through **Satan**.
  - c. “...*the spirit...of disobedience*”: the unseen working of spiritual **darkness**.
3. (v.3) Unchecked, these forces cause a person to grow further apart from **God** toward the inevitable destination of God’s **wrath**.
4. (v.4-7) The situation is reversed through **Christ** which causes God to see us as already **inheriting** the attributes of eternal salvation – eternally **alive**.
5. (v.8-9) It is the working of God’s **gift** through **grace** and **faith**.
6. (v.10) God not only sees us as already eternally living in **heaven** but accomplishing His word in this **present life**.
7. (Jn. 15:15-16)