

## Called Out: “Then and Now”

### Ephesians 2:1-10

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And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

#### 1. Who they used to be...

##### Ephesians 2:1-3

- You were dead in trespasses and sins...
- Following the course of this world...
- Following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
- Liv[ing] in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind...  
‘obeying... Carrying out the commands...’ It’s Bondage.
- By nature children of wrath (heirs of condemnation), like the rest of mankind.

#### BUT GOD...

#### 2. Who they are now...

##### Ephesians 2:4-7

3 verbs—3 things that God has done for us... (all past tense)

- Made us alive (together with Christ)

##### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- Raised us up (with Christ)

### **Romans 6:6-11**

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **3. How this is all happening...**

#### **Hebrews 9:22**

... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:21**

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

#### **2 Corinthians 4:16**

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

Last point from #2.  
"Who They Are Now..."

- Seated us in the heavenly places (with Him / In Him)

**Don Carson** (Seminary Professor and Author)...

"Spatial equivalent of Inaugurated Eschatology".

#### **Colossians 3:1-4**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Conclusion: Ephesians 2:10**