

Dead In Sin

**Ephesians 2:1 -  
Message**

**Believers formerly  
inhabited the realm of  
sin and spiritual death.**

**Take aways:**

**Develop a right understanding  
of man's need of the gospel.**

**Allow it to spur you toward  
spiritual growth.**

# Outline of Ephesians

Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)

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Paul reflected on the hope of God's calling (2:1-22)

He reflected on the change in their individual status (2:1-10).

By their walk sinners prove that they are spiritually dead (2:1-3)

Our former status was spiritual death (2:1)

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God's Power  
Gives Us Hope

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“Dead” in Ephesians 2:1

Calvin called it a  
“real and present death”

*(NT Commentaries, vol. 11, p. 139)*

“Dead they must surely be who are cut off from Christ, the principle of life. For as the body without the soul is dead, so is the soul without Christ...All their moral endowments are only flowers strewn on a dead corpse, and what is hell but a sepulchre to bury the dead in?”



# Total Depravity

Our Heart

Our Desires

Our Mind

Our  
Conscience

Our Will

***Every part of our nature was corrupted***

(Rom 1:21, 2:5, 8; 7:5; 8:7; Titus 1:15; Heb 3:12; 1 Cor 2:14; Eph 4:18)

# Total Depravity

*There was no spiritual good in us from God's perspective*

(Rom 1:18; 1:32; 3:9-18; 3:23; 4:5; 4:7; 5:8, 19; 5:10)

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*Man was unable to please God*

(Rom 6:6, 16-20; 8:6-7; Jn 6:44; 8:34)

# Four evidences of God's power...

- I. Every believer was once different from what he or she is now
- II. Every believer's former status was spiritual death
- III. Every believer formerly inhabited the realm of sin

# “Trespass”



- A mistake or error that is conscious, willful or deliberate
- Deviating from a path
- Intentionally overstepping a boundary

# “Sin”



- To miss the mark
- To fall short of the standard
- Like “trespass”, it is willful not accidental