

immeasurable
“Dead”
Ephesians 2: 1-3

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Three initial observations about Ephesians 2: 1-3

Virtually no one in secular culture believes what this teaches.

This passage is a great test of your view of ultimate authority.

How you view this text may determine your eternal destiny.

Common cultural views about life and religion

“I am a pretty good person, God will accept me”
Ephesians 2:1

“dead in trespasses and sins”... total depravity, not utter depravity.

Dead means unresponsive to the life of God, unable to please God.

Yet, you are not “worthless,” but are immeasurably loved!

“I am free to live any way I wish”
Ephesians 2: 2-3a

3 powerful forces that enslave everyone:

“course of the world” – prevailing cultural power and pressure.

“prince of the power of the air” – Satanic lies and distortions against God’s truth.

“passions of the flesh, body and mind” – raging impulses, cravings, addictions, self destructive behavior.

“If there is a God, I know he loves me just like I am”
Ephesians 2:3

“children of wrath” – under God’s righteous indignation, not impulsive violence.

You cannot love without becoming angry at the self-destructive choices of your own child!

Pictures of cable car and mountains in Germany

The greatest words in scripture... **”but God”**... Ephesians 2:4