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Can People Change?

Ephesians 2:1–10

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Colossians 3:1–4 (NASB95)

1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

The transformation of one's life requires a radical change of one's heart and mind, which leads to a new manner of living guided by new values, priorities, and new ambitions. This recalibration of heart, mind, and trajectory of your life is not the product of positive thinking, or a newly energized self-image. It is a spiritual transformation that is the outworking of the miraculous intervention of God that takes you from spiritual death to spiritual life.

I. What They were (Ephesians 2:1-3)

A. _____ (v.1)

B. _____ (v.2a)

C. _____ (v.2b)

D. _____ (v.3a)

E. _____ (v.3b)

II. What God Did (Ephesians 2:4-6)

A. _____ (v.4)

B. _____ (v.5)

C. _____ (v.6a)

D. _____ (v.6b)

III. Why God Did This (Ephesians 2:7)

IV. How God Did This (Ephesians 2:8-9)

V. What is The Outcome (Ephesians 2:10)