## The Believer's Life Before Conversion: Life Without Christ Ephesians 02: 01–03

## 1 A life of death

- 2 A life of transgressions and sins
  - a. Following the ways of the world
  - b. Following the ways of the devil
  - c. Following the ways of the disobedient
- 3 A life spent with the disobedient of the world
  - a. Spent gratifying one's sinful nature
  - b. Spent following one's own desires and thoughts
- 4 A life under God's wrath

- 1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
- 2 In which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
- 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.

Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

## The Believer's Conversion (Part I): The Work of God's Mercy Ephesians 02: 04–07

## 1 God has quickened, made us alive with Christ

- a. Why:
   Because His very nature is mercy and love
- b. When:While we were dead in sins
- c. How:By quickening or making us alive with Christ
- 2 God has raised us up with Christ
- 3 God has made us sit in heavenly places in Christ
- 4 God had one great purpose:
  To show us the riches of His grace
  in the ages to come

- 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
- Made us alive with Christ
  even when we were dead in transgressions
  it is by grace you have been saved.
- 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,
- 7 In order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.