

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

1 *A life of death*

1 As for you,
you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

2 *A life of 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.

- 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***

3 All of us also lived among them at one time,
gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature
and following its desires and thoughts.

- a. Spent gratifying
one's sinful nature
- b. Spent following
one's own desires and thoughts

4 *A life under God's wrath*

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,

5 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.

**The Believer's Conversion (Part II):
The Work of God's Grace — Salvation
Ephesians 02:08–10**

1 *You are saved*

- a. Saved by God's grace
- b. Saved through faith
- c. Not saved of yourself
- d. Saved as a gift of God,
not of works
- e. Reason:
Lest you boast

2 *You are God's workmanship*

- a. Created in Christ Jesus
- b. Created to do good works

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

9 Not by works,
so that no one can boast.

10 For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus
to do good works,
which God prepared in advance
for us to do.