

1  **Scripture Reading****Ephesians 1:1-7**2  **Dead in Sin.****Alive in Christ**3 

(Ephesians 2:1) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, (NKJV)

4  **What is "Sin"?**

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5  **What is "Sin"?**

(1 John 3:4) Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. (NKJV)

(1 John 3:4) Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (KJV)

6  **What Law?**

- Patriarchal Law?
- Law of Moses?
- Law of Christ

7  **The Law of Christ**

(Galatians 6:2) Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (KJV)

8  **The Law of Liberty**

(James 1:25) But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. (NKJV)

9  **Jesus' Authority**

(Matthew 28:18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (NKJV)

(Matthew 28:20) "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJV)

10  **Jesus showed His law**

- He taught the weightier matters.
- He lived it.
- "Law" is not a dirty word.

11  **The Law of God is the way...**

...that He designed us.

...that He intended for us.

...that Jesus showed us.

12  **Following God's way is loving Him**

(John 14:15) "If you love Me, keep My commandments. (NKJV)

(1 John 2:5) But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. (NKJV)

13  **Failing to Follow = Failing to Love**14 

(Matthew 22:37-38) Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." "This is the first and great commandment. (NKJV)

15  **Everyone Fails. Everyone Falls.**

(Romans 3:23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (NKJV)

- 16  **Everyone Fails. Everyone Falls.**  
(Romans 5:12) Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- (NKJV)
- 17  **Everyone Fails. Everyone Falls.**  
(Romans 6:23a) For the wages of sin is death... (NKJV)
- 18  **The 1<sup>st</sup> Sin**  
  - Genesis 2-3
 (Genesis 2:16-17) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (NKJV)
- 19  **They died that day**  
  - Before sin: They walked and talked with God
  - After sin:
    - they hid themselves
    - they were removed from His garden
    - they lost access to the tree of life
- 20  **Sin Kills our relationship with God**  
(Isaiah 59:1-2) Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. (NKJV)
- 21  **Separation from God**  
  - Does NOT mean that is unaware of us.
 (Hebrews 4:13) And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. (NKJV)
- 22  **Separation from God**  
  - Means we have chosen things over Him.
  - We failed to Love Him
  - We have put a barrier in our relationship.
- 23  **All Sin Kills our Relationship with God**  
  - Sins of ignorance
    - failure to love God enough to learn
  - Sins of choice
    - I loved something more than God
  - Sins of omission
    - I failed to love God enough to serve
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(Matthew 7:21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (NKJV)
- 25  **Without God**  
(Ephesians 2:12) that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. (NKJV)
- 26  **Without...**  
  - His help
  - His Guidance
  - His Hope
- 27  **What it Means to be Dead in Sin**  
  - In darkness
  - Children of wrath
  - Sons of Hell
  - Enemies of God

- Lost
- Hopeless
- Corrupt
- Empty

28  **Alive in Christ**

(Ephesians 2:5-6) even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (NKJV)

29  **Alive in Christ**

- Reconciled to God – made His friend
- Redeemed – bought back
- Forgiven – of my sins
- Children of God – Abba Father
- Help - through life
- Peace – that passes understanding
- Guidance – in how to live
- Purpose - for our life
- Hope – beyond this life

30  **God's Gift to You**

(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NKJV)

Free to all who accept Jesus as their Lord.

31  **Are you "in Christ"?**