

## MADE ALIVE

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE LIFE WE ARE SAVED FROM
2. WHAT GOD DOES TO SAVE US
3. THE LIFE WE ARE SAVED TO

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 as a group. What is most beautiful to you about this passage? What is most challenging to you about this passage?
3. Christianity holds a more pessimistic view of mankind's situation than most other belief systems. According to Ephesians 2:1-10, we aren't sick, confused or incomplete, we are dead. What are some implications of being spiritually dead?
4. G.K. Chesterton said, "A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it." If you are a Christian, what are some ways that being made alive in Jesus has led to you swimming against the current of the culture you live in? How do we keep from being swept along by our culture without being needlessly offensive or contrarian?
5. Being enslaved to our own "flesh" (Eph. 2:3) doesn't mean that we can only do bad things outside of Jesus. It means that even the good things we do are done to meet our own needs. This is how moral behavior ends up being one of the most common forms of self-centeredness. How can moral behavior be self-centered? How can moral behavior NOT be self-centered?
6. We are told in Eph 2:4-7 we see that in Jesus we are "made alive", "raised up" and "seated in the heavens." All of these verbs are in the PAST tense. This means that we aren't working to achieve this identity in Jesus, we have already received this identity because of Jesus. What are some ways your life would be different if you REALLY believed this?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** The moment you give your life to Jesus you are already made alive, raised up and seated in heaven. In Jesus, your war is over.