



# Two Sides of Life

## Ephesians 2:1-10

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Life is like a coin. It has two sides and a rim. The rim divides and defines the two sides.
- B. In life, Jesus Christ is the center-point of the turning point that divides and defines the two sides of life v.4,8,9.

The turning point in life of a person is when he or she is given the opportunity to hear the message of salvation and given the opportunity to hear to live with Him or to live without Him. And this choice is called Salvation, God's free gift to mankind. This gift can only be received by faith in Jesus Christ. This option is made possible because of god's love express through his mercy and grace.

- C. God's gift of salvation provided life with two sides. Thus, it is essential that we learn and understanding the two sides of life because it will help us appreciate and live our Christian life better.

### WHAT ARE THE TWO SIDES OF LIFE?

#### I. LIFE WITHOUT CHRIST – v. 1-3

- A. A life with a dead spirit – v.1
  - Dead in transgressions and sins

B. A life with the Devil – v. 2

- The ruler of the kingdom of the air
- The ruler who is currently at work in the lives of those who are disobedient

C. A life of worldliness (Uncontrolled appetites/desires) – v. 3 (1 John 2:16).

- Gratifying the cravings of the sinful nature.
- Following the desires and thoughts of the sinful nature.

D. An object of God's wrath – v.3

- This is a sad ending of life without Christ. **Revelation 21:8** *But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexual immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars – their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."*

## II. LIFE WITH CHRIST – v. 5, 6, 7, 10

A. A life with a Living Spirit – v. 5

1. V 5 God made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.
2. 1 John 5"13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

B. A Life Together with Jesus Christ – v.6

1. His abiding presence is with us.  
**v.6a** God raised us up with Christ ("And lifted us up from the grave along with Christ" Today's Living Bible)

**Hebrews 13:5** “free yourselves from the love of money for God said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

2. His authority and power is shared with us.

**v. 6b** We are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms  
(Life with authority in Christ)

**Luke 10:19** I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

**C.** A Life of Good Works – v. 10

1. We are His workmanship – Masterpiece designed for good works. Thus, He will not expect us to do otherwise.

2. Good works is what God prepared in advance to be done by those who lives are in Christ Jesus.

**D.** An Object of God’s Favor – v. 7

1. Abundant favor of God. v. 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,

2. Eternal favor. **1 Peter 1:3** *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, (God’s immeasurable riches is kept for us not from us)*

## CONCLUSION

Life without Christ is a miserable life. Life with Christ is a fulfilling life.

**Philippians 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.