

MINIONS OVERCOMING DESPICABLE MASTERS



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Ephesians 2:1-10

The One Thing:

We Were Once _____, But Now
In _____, We Have Been Given New _____.

This passage illustrates in vivid details our past, present, and new life.

1. The Past: _____ From The _____.

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¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

- God Made Us _____ Even Though Our _____ Were Many.
- We Were _____ Because Of The Sin Of _____.
- We Once _____ According To The World's _____.

2. The Present: _____ Of The Riches Of God's _____.

Ephesians 2:4-6

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

- We Were Completely _____ Without Any _____ Of Change.
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- God Bestowed Upon Us All Of The _____ Of Christ.

3. The Future: A New Life _____.

Ephesians 2:7-10

⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

- It's God's _____ - _____
_____ That Made Us Right With God.
- It's God's Gift - So That No One Will _____ About Their Own
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- It's God's _____ - Written About Us Long Ago Before The
_____ Began.

Take Home Truths:

1. If we are in Jesus Christ, we **WERE** dead, but **NOW** we are alive. We **WERE** unrighteous, but **NOW** we have been purified by the blood of the lamb. We **WERE** objects of wrath, but **NOW** we stand before God, forgiven.

2. He has lifted us up. He has re-created us. **And He has given us a hope** – an assurance for the future that can come about only through Jesus.

3. We were born under the old management, because of the transforming power of Jesus Christ we are under **new management**.

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