

Men's Study

Amazing Grace

Ephesians 2:1-3

1. How do verses 1-3 describe being "dead in trespasses and sins?" Identify and explain each phrase.
2. What are verses 1-3 saying about the desperate predicament that sinners are in?
3. What is it about being "dead in sin" that is self-deceiving?
4. Why is it important to affirm that those who are "dead in trespasses and sins" (unbelievers) are totally unable to be saved, unless God imparts new life to them? (John 5:21, 6:44, I Cor. 2:14, 2 Cor. 4:4)

The State of Man

In Adam

Old Man (Self)

Sin Nature

Eph. 2:1-3

In the Flesh

Rom. 8:8

Live according to the Flesh

In Christ

New Man (Self)

Partaker of Divine Nature

2 Pet. 1:4

In the Spirit

Rom. 8:9

Live according to Spirit or Flesh

Gal. 5:16-18

5. What is the essence of "worldliness"? How do these three enemies - the world, the devil, and the flesh - affect the lives of believers?
6. Some argue that believers no longer possess "an old nature," and thus should not view themselves as sinners. Do you agree? Why?
7. Why must we hold firmly to the concept of sin and God's just wrath? What do we lose if we minimize or deny these truths?