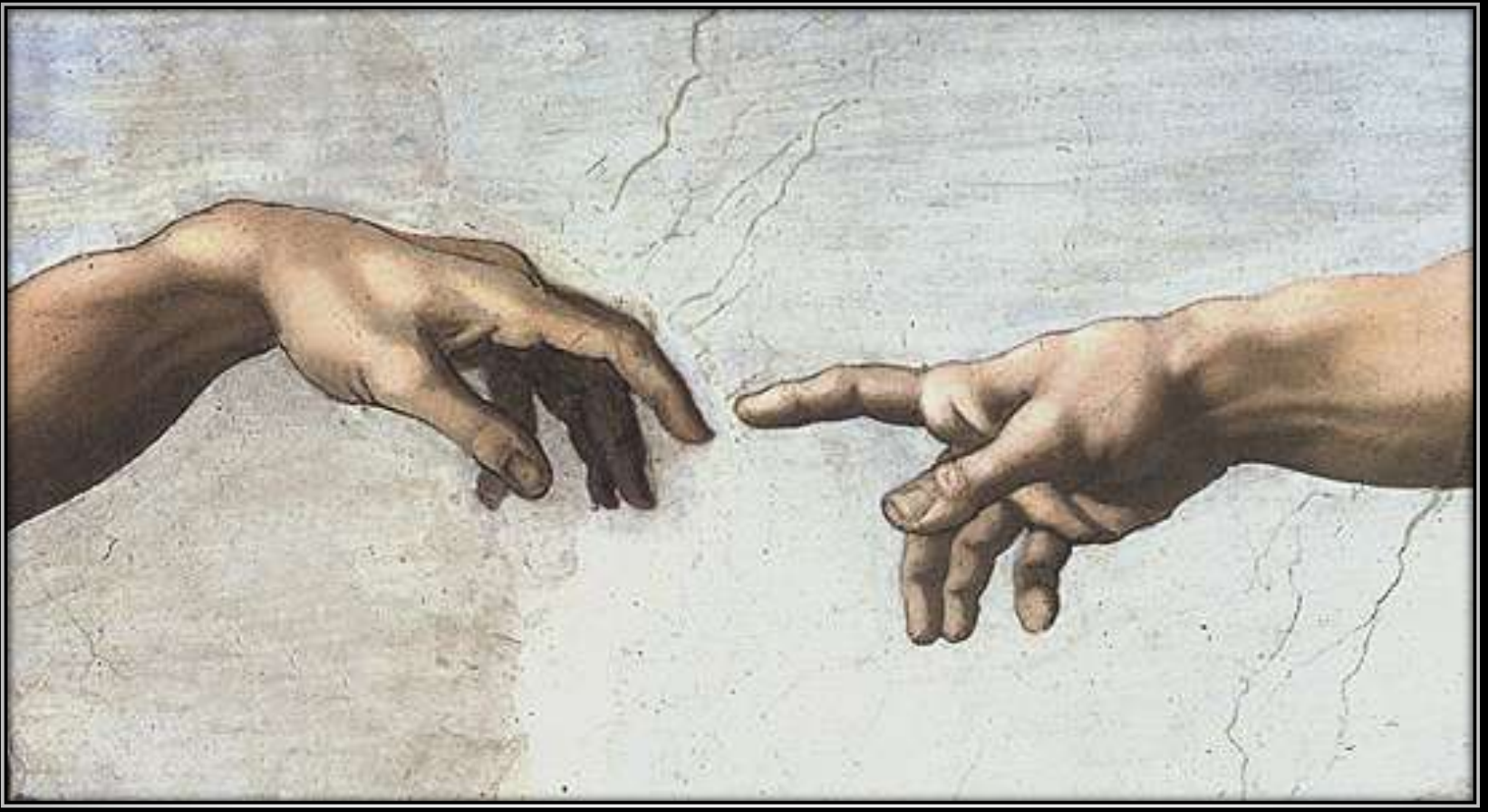


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- God saves – our need to know and experience this truth, and what is being offered to us

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Eph 2:1-9

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful

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and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ

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Jesus, 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. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

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¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

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1. You are Corrupted vs.1

- dead in 'trespasses and sins'
- Rom. 3:23... "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"
- Rom. 1 – 'clearly seen so mankind are without excuse'
- can be much better than those around you, but still corrupted by sin.

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2. You are a Captive (vs.2)

- argue – have a free will, I can choose
- Satan – father of all lies, master of deception, we were enslaved
- desperate to find our own way to meaning, significance, that which we were created for

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3. You Stand Condemned (vs.3)

- referred to as 'objects of wrath'
- short of God's standard – due the penalty
- Jesus on Hell
 - Matt. 5:30
 - Matt. 13:42
 - Matt. 25:46
 - Matt.8:12
 - Heb. 9:37

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*Don't miss this in verse 4:

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”

4. Life in the Place of Death

- look at vs. 8-9

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Rom. 3:24-26

“...and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

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Rom. 3:24-26

²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

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2 Cor. 5:17-21 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

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2 Cor. 5:17-21

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

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5. Freedom instead of Captivity

- captives must be set free
- a) now belong to Christ
- b) now able to choose to live by faith
- c) now able to act with the power of the Holy Spirit

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6. **Kindness instead of Condemnation**

- Eph.2:7-10 – expressed in Christ
- 2 Cor. 5:21 – Christ's righteousness is mine
- right relationship with God
- full adoption
- indwelling Holy Spirit
- reconciled – full embrace of God

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So What?

1. God loves and took action while we were far from him.
2. We need what only He could do
 - corrupted, captive and condemned
3. Offered to us
 - life, freedom and blessing
4. Demands a response