

# The Gospel and Halloween

Ephesians 2

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## 1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (1-3; 12; 19a)

### A. The Walking Dead (1): “you were dead”

- Jesus is speaking to the “already but not yet” reality of salvation.
- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection that occurs at the moment of salvation but an \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection to come for those who have put their faith in Christ.
- Chapter two begins with a cheery statement: “And you were dead ...”
  - “dead” – dead, literally or figuratively
  - What caused us to be this way?
    - “trespasses” – fall, fault, offense
    - “sins” – offenses
    - “fleshly desires” – lusts
    - “inclinations” – decisions
    - “we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also”

### B. Extraterrestrials (12)

- “foreigners” – alien
- “strangers” – foreigner, sojourn

## 2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5; 10; 18-20)

- “But God” – from hopelessness and helplessness to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- “made us alive” – we were dead, but God has \_\_\_\_\_
- “fellow citizens” – fellow-Christian

## 3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (6-7)

- He \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us – both words are in the past tense because they are already done. This is the “already and not yet” of salvation again.
- The work has been done and we are experiencing it to a degree, but the fulfillment of it all is still to come.