***Who I Was is Not Who I Am***

Ephesians 2:1-7

*In Christ I am a blessed, chosen & adopted child of God, with all the rights & privileges thereof!* *When I SIGNED up I was SEALED by the Spirit of God with the “Mark of the Feast,” guaranteeing my eternal inheritance that will be DELIVERED by God!*

***Without Christ, Who was I?***

* Without Christ I am the walking dead.

*Jesus did not come primarily to make bad people good,*

*but to make dead people alive.*

*But neither education nor legislation can rescue human beings from spiritual death, captivity or condemnation. A radical disease requires a radical remedy.* – John Stott

* Without Christ I am under the influence.

1. The World

*Who is shaping me, Christ or Culture?*

1. The Devil

**Ephesians 5:5-6 (ESV)**   
5  For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6  Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things *the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience*.

1. The Flesh

* Without Christ I am destined for wrath.

*So what is his wrath…? It is God’s personal, righteous, constant hostility to evil, his settled refusal to compromise with it, and his resolve instead to condemn it.* – John Stott

*What is the greatest short phrase in the history of human speech?*

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***God’s Mission: What did God do for me?***

* He made me alive with Christ.

*Why can I be confident of the spiritual promises of God?*

APPLY: Do I show any signs of life? Vital signs?

* Pain when I violate God’s standards?
* Hunger for God’s Word?
* Joy/gratitude in praise/worship?
* Desire for fellowship with God’s people?
* He raised me up with Christ.
* He seated me with Christ.

**Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)**   
1  Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2  Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

*Don’t look where you’ve been, look where you’re going!*

*Am I putting lipstick on a pig?*