

What This Guy God Does For Me
A Super-Natural God Pt 2
Ephes 2:1 - 10
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A. The Source of Evil

Ephes. 2:1-3 Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. [2] You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air. 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 passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature, and we were under God's anger just like everyone else.

The Unregenerate person regularly falls.....

....under the overt influence of Satan.

1 Peter 5:8 Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.

....under the covert influence of Satan.

2 Cor. 11:14 Even Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light.

....under the influence of our own evil nature.

Romans 5:12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the entire human race. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

B. Why God moves us from spiritual death to spiritual life.

Ephes. 2:4-7 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, [5] that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favor that you have been saved!) [6] For he raised us from the dead along with Christ, and we are seated with him in the heavenly realms-all because we are one with Christ Jesus. [7] And so God can always point to us as examples of the incredible wealth of his favor and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us through Christ Jesus.

His passionate love for us leads Him to....

.... Withhold the punishment we deserve in death

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

.... Desire my presence with Him.

....Invest in me as an image of His character.

C. God Moving Me to Spiritual Life

Ephes. 2:8-10 God saved you by his special favor 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 that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

1. He readily responds to my trust in Him.

2. He takes upon Himself - alone - the responsibility. v.9

3. He holds me responsible for being a productive team member. v.10

We are saved to serve according to God's unique plan.