

BUT GOD... | EPHESIANS 2:1-5
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Big Idea: Sin leads us away from God, but God's grace can lead us back.

Ephesians 2:1–5 (ESV) — **1** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

I. RECOGNIZE THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD. (vs. 4a)

A. **God is sovereign** (Matthew 19:26)

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26, NIV)

B. **God is holy** (Isaiah 43:15)

“I am the Lord, your Holy One, Israel’s Creator, your King.” (Isaiah 43:15, NIV)

C. **God hates sin**. (Romans 1:18)

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness (Romans 1:18, NIV)

II. RECOGNIZE WHAT GOD HAS DONE. (vs. 5)

III. RECOGNIZE WHY GOD DID WHAT HE DID. (vs. 4 & 5)

IV. RECOGNIZE YOU NEED GOD. (vs. 5b)