

God's Workmanship Begins with the Dead **Ephesians 2:13**

What's wrong with the world?

Point of the text – Made us alive with Christ

V1-3 Pre conversion

V 4-6 Post conversation

**V 7-10 God's eternal purpose is behind
conversion**

God's Great Work Begins with the Dead!

They were Dead V1

All inclusive leaves nothing out!

Dead to God alienated

Nospiritual discernment Not see God

Not understand Him

Cannot obey God Moral decay

spiritual blindness

Indifferent to God

**** It is personal you our own fault**

Trespasses trip us up Sin—Missing the mark

Sin kills!

Contrast: To show God's greatness

His power

His great Salvation His power over death

The Doctrine of Sin – To Praise His Glory

A Christian contrasted with a non-Christian

A LIVING PERSON – TO A CORPSE

They were Enslaved to evil V 2-3

Their lives described walked ethically

**According to the world – they were
conforming to the world**

**Goverened – controlled – Lifestyles – morals
– ideals – frame of reference**

**According to the devil Power and dominion –
he is determined to shape your life Spiritual
Bondage**

According to the flesh v2b

Lust of the flesh – untouched by God

Desires of the flesh – a command

Desires of the mind – thinking and emotions

They were objects of Divine Wrath v3b

They were children of wrath – by nature caught up in this lifestyle as the world knows it.

They were worthy of divine wrath and subject to it.

Judgment is coming – God is not grandfatherly

There is a better ending for us

V1 “As for you, you were dead but because of His Great love for us . . . God made alive with Christ even when we were dead”

That is the power of the empty tomb!