

# Life Notes

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## The Big Rescue

### **Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature<sup>[a]</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

You were dead!

**But** because of his great love for us, God!

### *Romans 5:6-9 (NKJ)*

<sup>6</sup> For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup> **But** God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

### *Romans 6:23 (NKJ)*

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, **but** the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### *Romans 9:16 (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup>It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, **but** on God's mercy.

*1John 4:10 (NIV)*

*<sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, **but** that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

*Colossians 1:21-23 (NIV)*

*<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>**But** now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.*

Made us alive!

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*Ephesians 2:8-9(NIV)*

*<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

To do good!

*1 John 4:19 (NKJ)*

*<sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us.*

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

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