



# I Am a Masterpiece

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## 1. Who you WERE

- a. **You were DEAD: Ephesians 2:1 NLT** — Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.
- b. **You were DISOBEDIENT: Ephesians 2:2 NLT** — You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, **obeying the devil**—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. **He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.**
- c. **You were DEPRAVED: Ephesians 2:3a NLT** — All of us used to live that way, **following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature.**
- d. **You were DOOMED: Ephesians 2:3b NLT** — By our very nature we were **subject to God's anger**, just like everyone else.

## 2. Who you ARE

- a. Alive WITH Christ
  - i. **Ephesians 2:4-7 NLT** "But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, **he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.** (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) **For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.** So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus."
  - ii. Your greatest secret is not trying to change yourself, but assuming a new identity. You need resurrection, not resuscitation.
  - iii. When Christ was crucified, you were crucified with Him.
  - iv. When Christ was buried, you were buried.
  - v. When Christ defeated Satan, you defeated him also.
  - vi. When Christ rose from the dead, you rose also.
- b. Seated WITH Christ

## 3. Who you are BECOMING

- a. God is working IN you.
- b. God is working THROUGH you.
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