

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

BACK FROM THE DEAD

(Ephesians 2:1-22)

Ephesians 2:1 *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,*

Two wrong assumptions:

1. "I don't need to be saved...and if I do, I can save **MYSELF**."

Three ways we try to save ourselves:

1. Good **WORKS**.

2. Religious **RITUAL**.

3. **COMPARISON**...other people are worse.

2. "I've been a Christian **MY WHOLE LIFE**."

Let's understand what salvation is:

1. Salvation is by God's **GRACE**...a gift!

2. Salvation is received by **FAITH**.

Acts 16:30-31 *He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."*

Three parts to saving faith:

1. I must **HEAR** it.

2. I must **ACCEPT** it.

3. I must **COMMIT** to it.

3. Salvation is not earned by **WORKS**.

4. Salvation is demonstrated by **GODLINESS**.

God's Big Plan:

To bring those who are spiritually **DEAD** and make them **ALIVE** in Christ Jesus.

- God intends that this multi-ethnic forever family be built **TOGETHER**...you're not an island.

How does the story of **YOU** fit within the **BIG** story of God?