

A scenic landscape featuring a large, gnarled tree with dense green foliage growing on a rocky, grassy cliffside. The tree's trunk is dark and twisted, leaning slightly to the right. The background shows a vast, hazy valley with rolling hills and a distant town or city, all under a pale, overcast sky. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

JOURNEY:

Alive in Christ!

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Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

“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—.

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⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky outcrop. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a large, gnarled tree standing prominently on a rocky ledge in the foreground. The background shows a valley or a body of water shrouded in mist, with distant hills or mountains visible. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

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“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...”

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- The World
- The Devil
- The Flesh

- Children of Wrath

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- What God Does.
- How God Does It.
- Why God Does It.

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What God Does:

- Made Alive!
- Seated with Christ.

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How God Does It:

- By Grace, through Faith –Gift of God
- Not by Works
- Punishing Sin

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Why God Does It:

- God's Character
- Good Works

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Processing Questions:

- 1) When you consider or are confronted by your sin, does it lead you to gratitude? Or to shame?
- 2) What do your feelings to question 1 tell you about how you understand grace and the Law?
- 3) What are you sacrificing this week, or this month, so that others can experience Christ's love?
- 4) If you have no answer yet to question 3, why is that? What is holding you back?