

Full, Saved and Joined
Once Upon a Time:

[1] Once Dead, Fullness Now Fills You.

[2] Once Doomed, Jesus Now Saves You.

[3] Once Alone, Joined Now to Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-10 The Passion Translation (TPT)

God's Power Raised Us from the Dead

2 *And his fullness fills you*, even though you were once like corpses, dead in your sins and offenses. ² It wasn't that long ago that you lived in the religion, customs, and values of this world, obeying the dark ruler of the earthly realm who fills the atmosphere with his authority, and works diligently in the hearts of those who are disobedient to the truth of God. ³ The corruption that was in us from birth was expressed through the deeds and desires of our self - life. We lived by whatever natural cravings and thoughts our minds dictated, living as rebellious children subject to God's wrath like everyone else.

⁴ But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. ⁵ Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace! ⁶ He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, *and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority* of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!

⁷ Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite, limitless riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ. ⁸ For it was only through this wonderful grace that we believed in him. Nothing we did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the gracious gift from God that

brought us to Christ! ⁹ So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving.

¹⁰ We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance *our destiny* and the good works we would do *to fulfill it!*

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[a As translated literally from the Greek.]

² It wasn't that long ago that you lived in the religion, customs, and values^[b] of this world, ^[c]

[b The Aramaic can be translated "the worldliness of this world."]

[c The Aramaic phrase can also refer to the authority of secular governments.]

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[d To be “placed” or “seated” in heaven means we have been given the perfection and authority to be there]

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[3] Once Alone, Joined Now to Jesus.

10 We have become his poetry,^[f]

[f The beautiful Greek word used here is translated “poem” or “poetry.” Our lives are the beautiful poetry written by God that will speak forth all that he desires in life.]

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[g Although implied, these good works make up our destiny. As we yield to God, our prearranged destiny comes to pass and we are rewarded for simply doing what he wanted us to accomplish.]

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