

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 2:1 Man does not *become* spiritually dead; he *is* spiritually dead. By our very nature we are sinful.
- 2) 2:1 Sin manifests itself in many different forms and degrees, but the state of sin itself has no degrees.
- 3) 2:2 The air over which Satan has controlling power represents the sphere where demons move.
- 4) 2:2 Although the ruler of this world has been defeated by Christ at the cross (Colossians 2:14–15; cf. Hebrews 2:14–15; Ephesians 1:20–22), he continues to make his powerful influence felt.
- 5) 2:2-3 The past is recalled not because the emphasis falls upon it, but because the gravity of who we were in our previous condition magnifies the wonder of God’s mercy.
- 6) 2:4 God is intrinsically kind, merciful, and loving. And in His love He reaches out to sinful, rebellious human beings.
- 7) 2:4 In God’s mercy, He does not give us what we do deserve; and in His grace, He gives us what we do not deserve.
- 8) 2:5 Because we now have God’s nature, we now seek “the things above” rather than “the things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2).
- 9) 2:7 All of God’s works are designed to praise Him:
 - His works of creation proclaim His wisdom and His power.
 - His works of provision display His goodness.
 - His works of redemption magnify His grace.
- 10) 2:8-9 Faith is nothing we do in our own power. First, we do not have adequate power. Second, God would not want us to rely on it if we had it.
- 11) 2:8-9 A person who is spiritually dead cannot make a decision towards faith in Christ unless God first brings the breath of spiritual life.

- 12) 2:10 God’s will is that those who belong to the new creation be characterized by a lifestyle reflecting His own character and actions.
- 13) 2:10 The same resurrection power that took you out of the graveyard of sin will daily empower you to live for Christ.
- 14) 2:10 God has a plan for your life. Walk in His will and fulfill His plan!

GREEK WORDS

- Paraptōma** (par-ap'-to-mah)—a side-slip (deviation), willful transgression :- fall, fault, offence
- Hamartia** (ham-ar-tee'-ah)—offence, missing the mark or falling short of any goal, standard, or purpose
- Plousiōs** (ploos'-see-os) wealthy; abounding with:- rich, without measure

TODAY'S SONGS

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