

**Before And After**  
**God's Amazing Grace - Part 7**  
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**Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.

**Romans 3:23 (NLT)** For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

**Romans 6:23 (NLT)** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)** It's your sins that have cut you off from God.

**Question: Do you want the bad news or the good news first?**

**Bad News**

**I. Life before faith (vs 1-3)**

**1. It's a life of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.** (vs 1)

Spiritual death is a life of separation from God.

**2. It's a life lived by the \_\_\_\_\_.** (vs 2)

It ignores the ways of God for the ways of the world.

**3. It's a life lived controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_.** (vs 2)

**2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)** Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe.

**4. It's a life lived under \_\_\_\_\_.** (vs 3)

**John 3:36 (NIV)** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

**Good News**

**I. Life after faith (vs 4-10)**

**1. It's a life \_\_\_\_\_ by God.** (vs 4-5)

**2. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ life.** (vs 6-7)

**3. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ life.** (vs 8-10)

**Four Important Words**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_