Ephesians 2:1-10

[1] And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, [2] in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. [3] Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), [6] and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; [9] not as 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 so that we would walk in them. (NASB)

This is Your Life!

In Ephesians 2:1-10 Paul contrasts two periods of the believer's life so that we would be greatly encouraged in our salvation in Christ!

I. The First Period: Life _____ Christ (2:1-3)

A. Our Condition (2:1))

B. Our Conduct (2:2-3) "We formerly walked**:"**

1. According to the course of this world

2. According to prince of the power of the air

3. In the lusts of our flesh indulging its desires

C. Our Condemnation

II. The Second Period: Life _____ Christ (2:4-10)

A. Our Condition *(2:4-6)*

1. made us alive together with Christ

2. and raised us up with Him

3. and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ

B. God's Commendation *(2:7-9)*

C. Our Conduct (2:10)