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EPHESIANS 2

From Death to Life:
Made Alive in Christ

Uninhabitable – Beyond Repair



Paul's message to the Ephesians

- You were dead—but God made you alive.
- You were far away—but Christ brought you near.
- You were divided—but God is creating one new people.

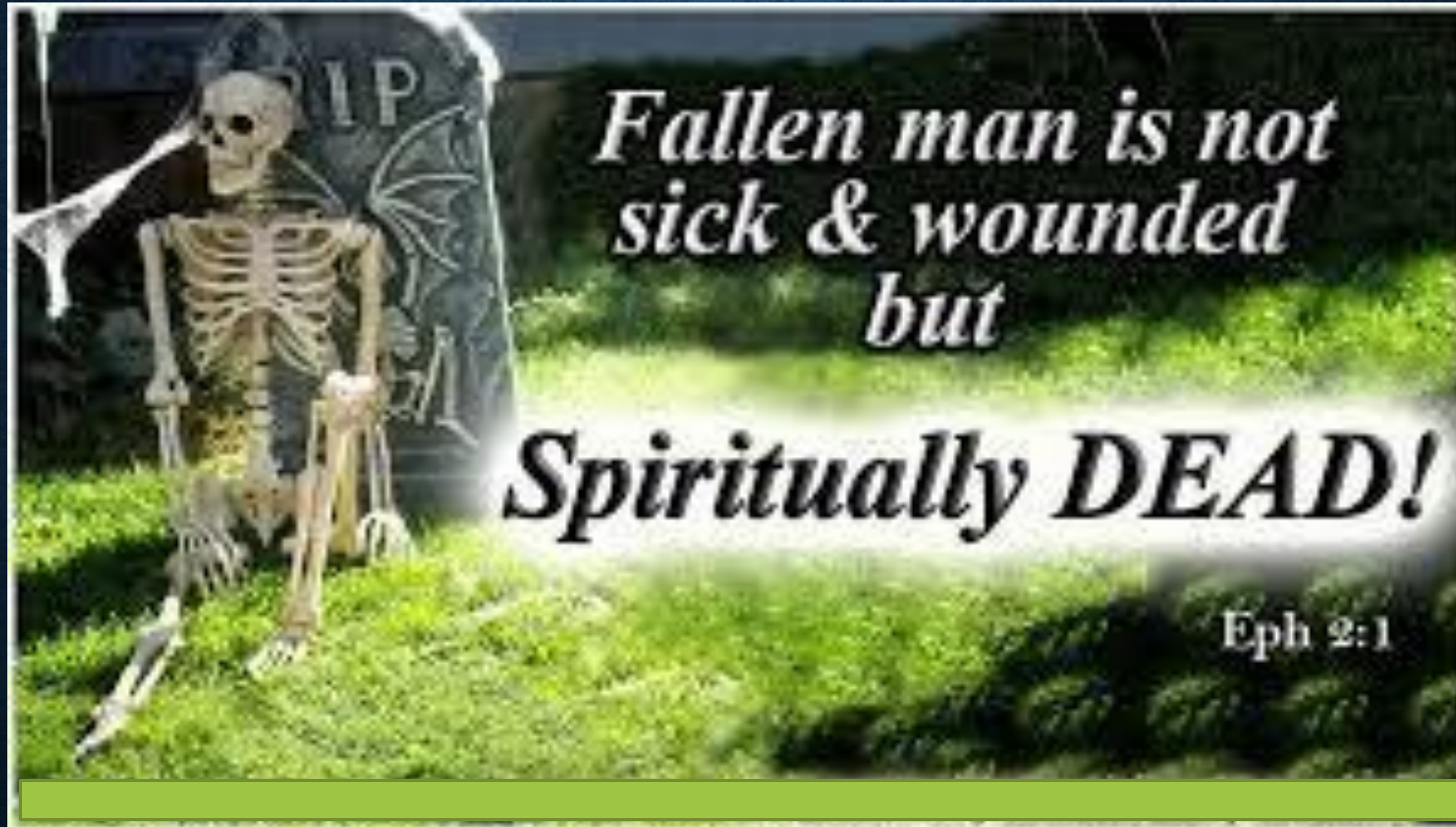
3 Questions that Paul answers

- What is wrong with us?
- What did Jesus do about it?
- What kind of life are we now meant to live?

Lake Louise – so alive!



What is wrong with us?



Influences that Separate us from God

- The ways of this world
- The ruler of the kingdom of the air
- The cravings of our flesh

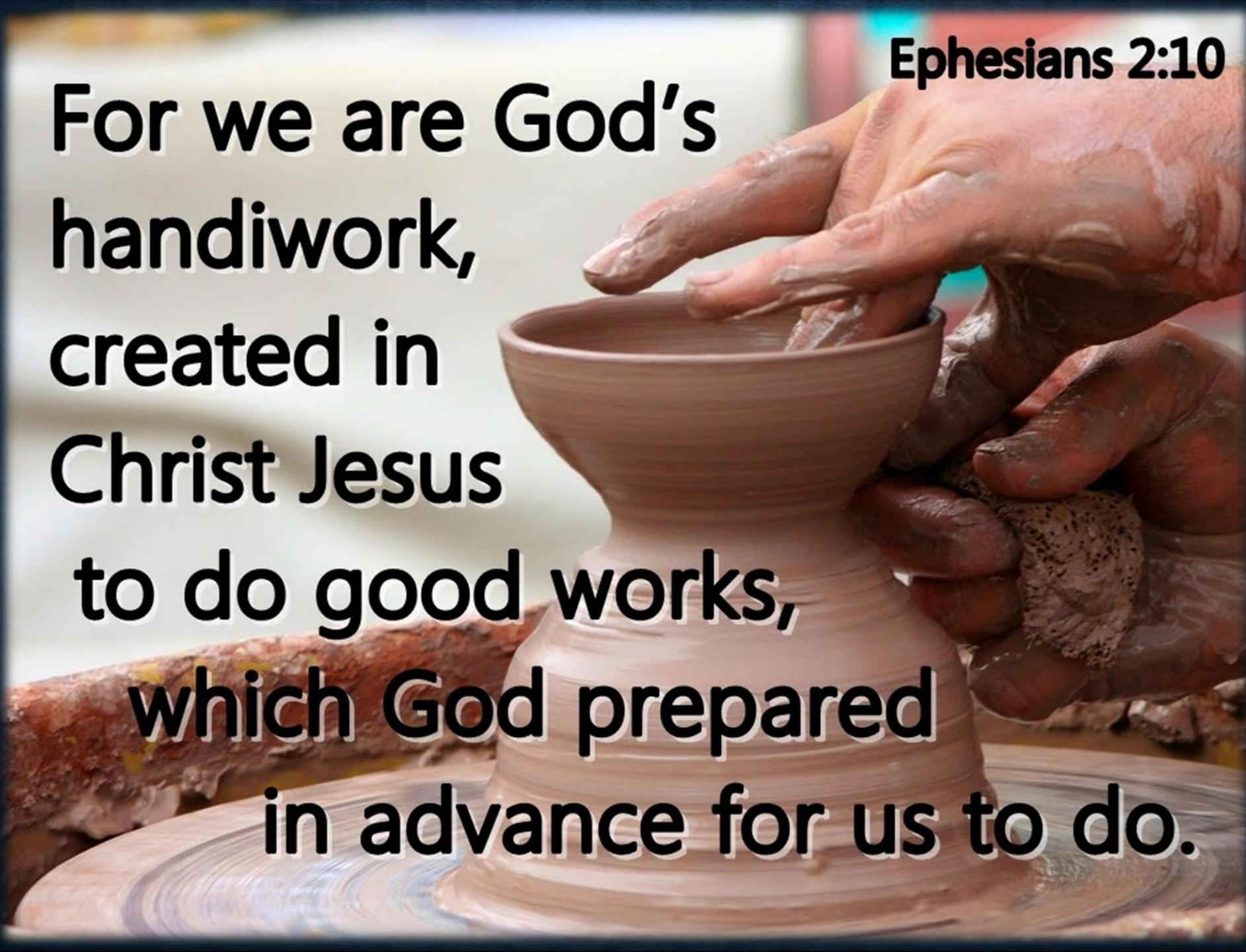
You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

What did Jesus do about it?

- Extended His great love and mercy to us
- Made us alive in Christ
- Saved us by His grace
- Seated us at His right hand
- Saved us through faith not works

Ephesians 2:10

**For we are God's
handiwork,
created in
Christ Jesus
to do good works,
which God prepared
in advance for us to do.**



What Kind of life are we now meant to live?

- Live as God's handiwork—created to do good works
- Live a life of unity with other believers
- Draw near to Christ
- Break down the walls of hostility
- Live as one Body of Christ

Ephesians 2:20



Life Application/Lessons

- Don't try to earn what can only be received.
- Show grace and mercy to the people in your life.
- Live out your God-given purpose.
- Be a peacemaker in a divided world.
- Make the church a place of belonging.

Conclusion

- We were dead—but God made us alive.
- We were lost—but God brought us home.
- We were divided—but God is building something new.