

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. The first three verses of Ephesians 2 describe the state of every person who has not put his or her faith in Jesus Christ. Remember, this is a pointed and condensed version of the truth in Romans chapters 1-3. Read those chapters along with these verses throughout the week. Today focus on the first answer to the question, “Why do we need a miracle?”—that we are dead in sin (1). What does that mean?

Tuesday. Verse two tells us we need a miracle because we are dominated by Satan and his forces. This does not mean that every non-believer is “demon possessed.” It means that those who are spiritually dead are subject to the domination of Satan’s forces in this “evil age” (see Galatians 1:4). What evidences do you see of this truth today?

Wednesday. We also need a miracle because we naturally are slaves to our sinfulness and sins (2-3). God tells us we live in and indulge the desires of our flesh and mind. Why is this so? While believers are freed from being slaves to these desires, we can at times enslave ourselves—how? What is the danger here?

Thursday. The last reason given here for needing a miracle is that we are condemned in our sin (3). Is this fair? Is it right? Think through, or even write out a list of people you know who have not yet come to Christ. Remember, each of them, all of them are (1) dead in their sin, (2) dominated by Satan and his forces, (3) slaves to their own sinfulness and sin, and (4) condemned in their sin. What is your role in bringing the good news (starting with the first word in verse 4) to them?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to consider God’s miracle. Read and think through 2:1-10, especially 2:4-10 to prepare for our time together.

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Worship In Proclamation



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“It Takes A Miracle,” Part 1
Series: Ephesians, #5
Ephesians 2:1-10

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"It Takes A Miracle"

Part 1, Ephesians 2:1-10

Why Do We Need A Miracle?

1. Because we are dead in sin. (1)

2. Because we are dominated by Satan and his forces.
(2)

3. Because we are slaves to our sinfulness and sins.
(2-3)

4. Because we are condemned in our sin. (3)

Part 2, May 6
God's Miracle

Part 3, May 20
Receiving God's Miracle

(Turn over for "In My Life This Week")