

Week 8

Oops, I did it again!

Ephesians 2:1-3

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In 2004, Brittany Spears released a song titled “oops I did it again” which depicts a woman who played with a man’s heart. The song was popular and catchy in the early 2000’s. While I am not advocating to becoming a Brittany Spears fan, the song conveys a woman who conducts herself in “the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and the mind.” (Ephesians 2:3). Though it can be easy to condemn the woman in the song or the friend who confesses to you for the hundredth time about their proclivity towards a specific sin, we often forget that we too were “dead in trespasses and sins...according to the course of this world” (Verse 2).

In Ephesians chapter 1, Paul tells us about the beautiful spiritual inheritance we receive as a child of God in Christ. Yet in chapter 2, he begins by reminding us not to become prideful. Paul says we can’t forget that we were once children of wrath, walking in disobedience, according to the prince of the power of the air. Thankfully, God has made us alive in Christ.

If you have accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, you do not get a “I no longer sin” card. As a matter of fact, you will still have moments of “oops, I did it again.” Yet unlike “the others” or unbelievers, in Christ, the Holy Spirit lives inside you and empowers you to live in obedience to God’s Word as a response to what Christ did on the cross for your sins and mine. And when you do have moments when you fall short, you can run to Abba father in repentance, forsaking the weight and sin that so easily entangle you, and continue to run the race with endurance by God’s grace. Not only does God wash away your sins, He has provided a local body through his bride, the local church, so that you may find healing, encouragement and strength to fulfillment His desires, for His glory and your good.

QUESTION: What path of disobedience have you taken lately that you need to confess to God and others?

WALK IT OUT: This week before you execute a decision, stop and ask yourself; am I walking dead in trespasses or am I being made alive in Christ through this?

PRAYER: Father, thank you that you love me enough to give me life in Christ. Remove in me any pride that would cause me to esteem myself better than others. Mold my heart to always have a posture of repentance. Bring people in my life who I can confess my sins to and who will use your Word to empower me to live for you today and always, Amen.