

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Remember the song “I’m Forever Grateful”? I’ve always liked that song.

*I’m forever grateful to You,*

*I’m forever grateful for the cross,*

*I’m forever grateful... that You came to seek and to save the lost.*

Every time I sing that song, I’m reminded that one day I was as lost as lost could be. So were you. But Jesus Christ got our attention.

In Ephesians chapter 2, the Apostle Paul pushes the rewind button to remind the church at Ephesus, “Hey, don’t forget: you weren’t always a clean crowd.” Listen to verses 1 through 4, “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins 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. 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.” (Now notice these first two words in verse 4.) “But God...”!

Here is an accurate biographical sketch of our pitiful, lost condition. He says in verse one, we were spiritually dead. He says in verse two, we were controlled by Satan. We didn’t even realize it. Then in verse three, he says we were under God’s judgment. We stood condemned. Our salvation is all of God in verse four. Despite our dead condition, the control of Satan, and God’s condemnation, God stepped in and snatched us and made us who we are in Christ. Praise His holy name!

Here’s what I want you to remember today. More often than not, self-righteousness is a case of spiritual amnesia. So remember, remember, and remember! Remember what you were and where you were headed. Then praise God for His deliverance.