



## **“Will he forgive me for an abortion?”**

The simple answer for today’s question is **yes**. But if that was enough we could just all go home but we know that we are asking because we need a deeper understanding of God’s grace and forgiveness.

### **Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV)**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

## **The Human Condition**

### **-Walking Dead**

#### **Romans 6:23 (NIV)**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **-Following Satan’s lead for our lives**

### **-Driven by our own sinful passions and desires**

#### **Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)**

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

To summarize the human condition is to say, that we all were dead in our lives of sin. Blindly following the influence of culture that is directly influenced by Satan. Consumed by our own fleshly passions that caused us to do unthinkable things.

## **God’s Response to the Human Condition**

#### **Ephesians 2:4-9 (NIV)**

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5** made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. **6** And God

you **asked** for it.

raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, **7** in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

### **-Rich in Mercy**

#### **Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)**

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **5** he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

### **-His Great Love**

#### **Colossians 2:13-14 (NIV)**

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14** having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

### **-His Grace**

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

## **Our Response to God's Grace and Forgiveness**

### **-Ask for Forgiveness**

#### **1 John 1:9 (NIV)**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

We have to learn to let go of our shame and regret. When we repent of our sin, God cleanses us and forgives us. He has forgotten our sin.

### **-Live in His grace and forgiveness**

#### **Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**

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

God has rescued us from the human condition! But He also gives us a purpose for our lives. We need to learn to live life forgiven and for the God who forgave us of all our sins!