

Series:
That You May Know God's Love



**The Transforming
Love of God
- The Big picture**

Ephesians 2:1-10; 5:1-2

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Introduction:

Over the past two weeks we have begun to look at the wonderful love of God.

Our focus verse was from

Ephesians 3:14-19

where the Apostle Paul prays that we may know (by experience) the fullness of God's love.

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Introduction:

Our desire in these messages is to consider together the love of God.

We have seen together that God's love is a pursuing love and a compelling love.

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Introduction:

Over the next few weeks we will focus our thoughts on the transforming love of God.

In our message today we desire to look at the idea of God's transforming love from a big picture viewpoint.

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Introduction:

**In the weeks ahead we will consider
how God's love specifically does
the transforming of our lives
and what our lives look like
after being transformed by God's love**

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Introduction:

God's love transforms us as we trust in Jesus and experience God's gift of eternal life.

The transformation continues as we walk in God's love.

The primary goal of this ongoing transformation is to make us like Jesus in every way.

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Introduction:

The transformation of God's love changes **who we are** and **what we believe**.

God's love also transforms **how we live** and **what we pursue**.

We will be exploring these ideas in greater detail in the weeks ahead.

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Introduction:

As we continue our big picture view of God's transforming love we need to consider Biblical examples of people who were transformed by God's love.

Through considering these testimonies we will see how God's love changed each of them.

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Biblical Examples of Transformed People

- All Eleven Apostles –

**these men went from being ordinary men
from a variety of backgrounds
to a team of leaders used by God to guide the
beginning of the church
in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

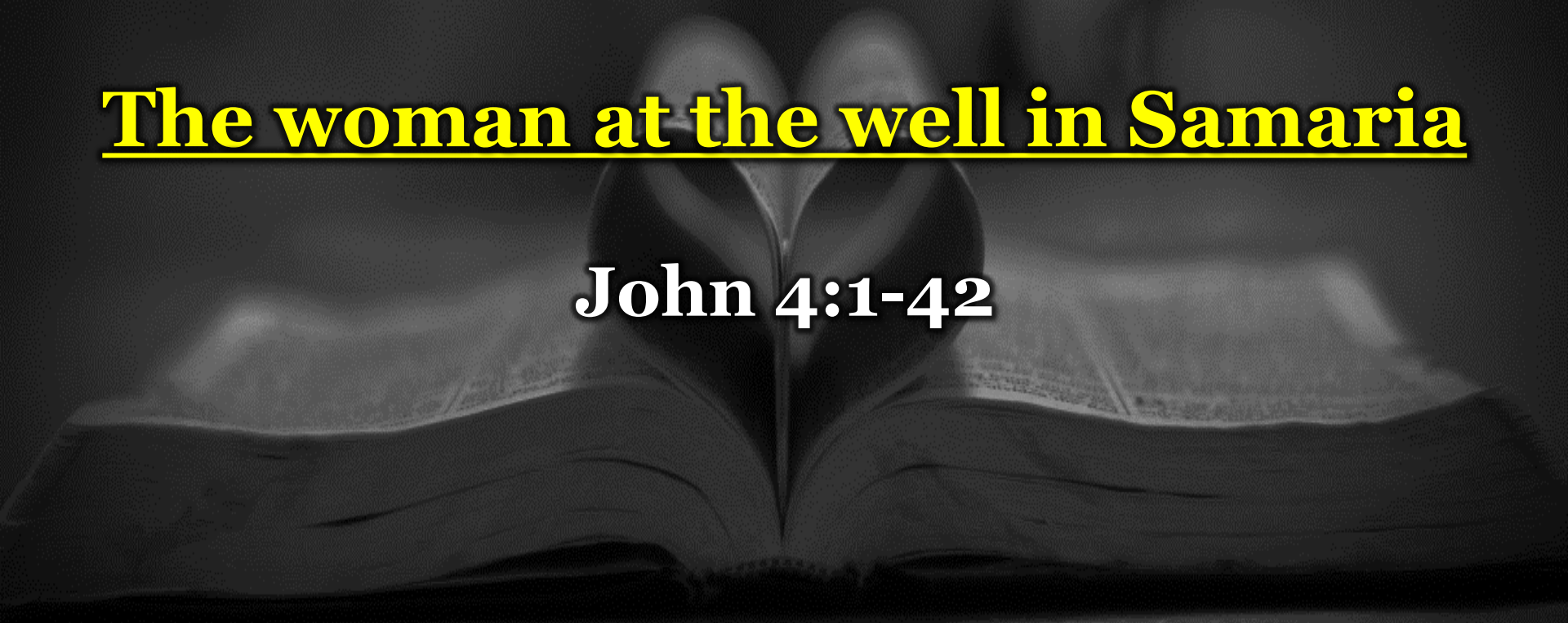
**Each of them took the Gospel message
to faraway places.**

All but one died as a martyr for the faith.

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The woman at the well in Samaria

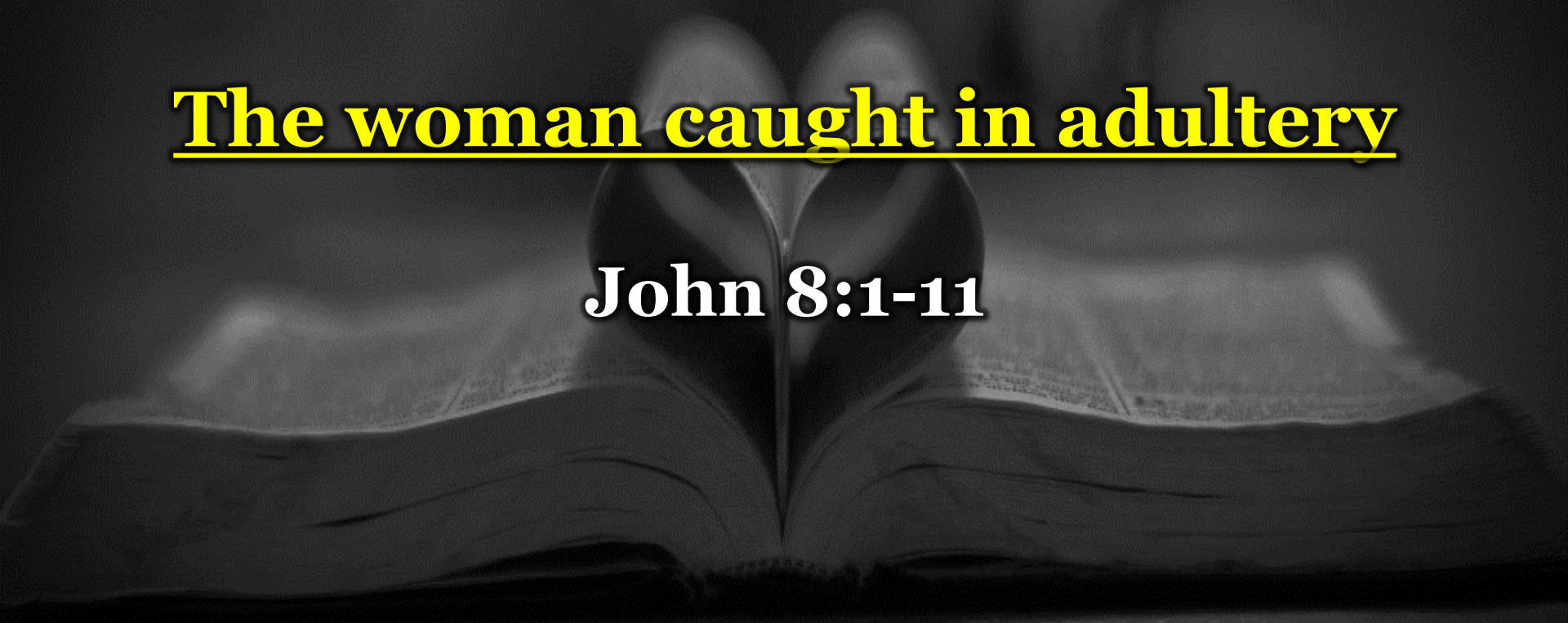
John 4:1-42



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The woman caught in adultery

John 8:1-11



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The man possessed by demons living in the graveyard of Gerasene

Mark 5:1-20

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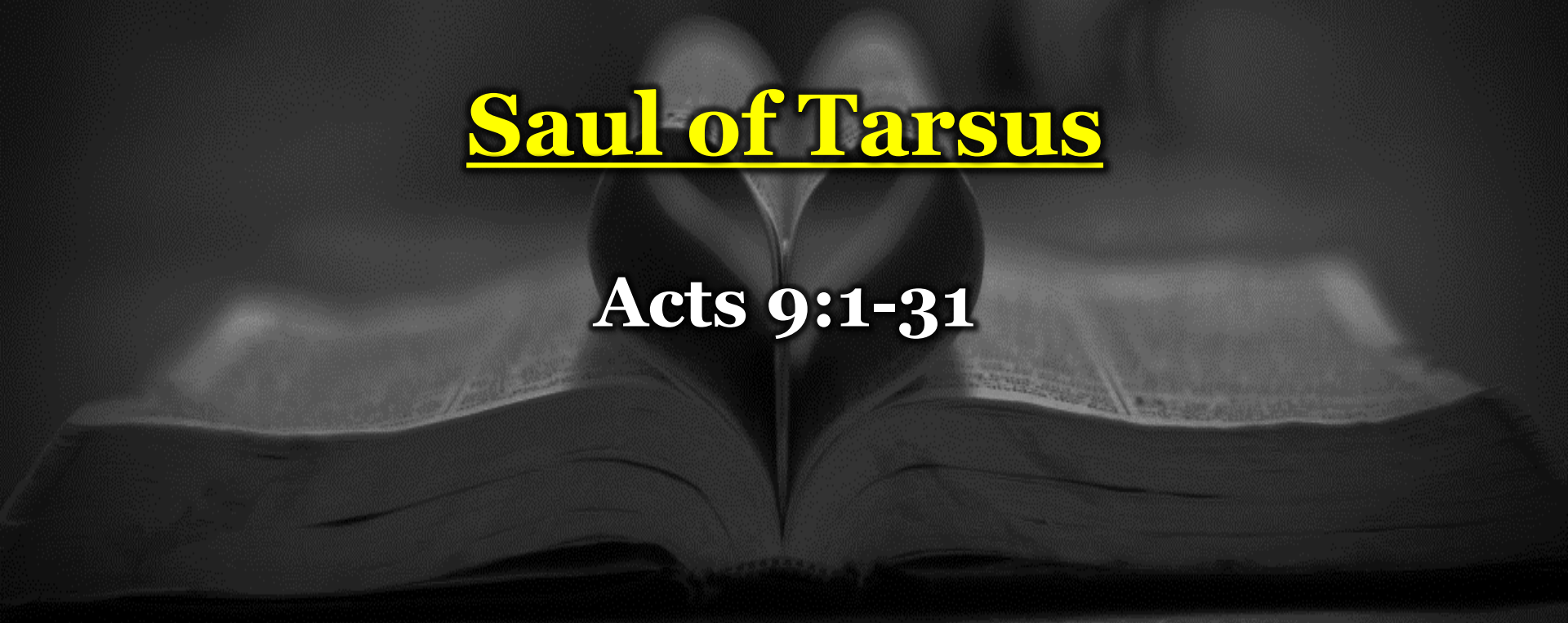
Nicodemus

John 3:1-21 ; 7:50 ; 19:38-39

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Saul of Tarsus

Acts 9:1-31



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**Biblical Passages which describe
the transforming work of God's love:**

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are slightly curved, and the central gutter is visible. Two pages are folded inward towards the center, their tips meeting at the spine to form a heart shape. The background is dark and out of focus.

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John 3: 3

3 Jesus answered and said to him,
“Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born again
he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

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**God's love produces a new birth
spiritually which comes from God's love
and cannot be earned.**

**To be a part of God's Kingdom,
God's family requires the experience
of transformation.**

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2 Corinthians 5:17

**17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creature;
the old things passed away;
behold, new things have come.**

An open book is shown in a dark, atmospheric setting. A white dove is perched on the spine of the book, facing forward. The background is a soft, hazy light, possibly representing a sunrise or sunset, which creates a serene and spiritual mood. The text is overlaid on this background.

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**The new birth experience places us
into Christ.**

**It joins our lives with the resurrected
life of Jesus Christ.**

**This eternal union with Jesus Christ
changes our nature.**

**We now have the Holy Spirit of God
living within us in our spirit.**

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We have been transformed from sinner to saint, from unrighteous to righteous before God.

This transformation does not begin in our behavior. It begins in our spirit.

Who we are is first transformed and then it begins to change what we believe, how we live, and what we pursue.

Who we are is determined by our being “in Christ”.

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Romans 12:1-2

**1 Therefore I urge you, brethren,
by the mercies of God, to present your
bodies a living and holy sacrifice,
acceptable to God, which is your
spiritual service of worship.**

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Romans 12:1-2

**2 And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing
of your mind, so that you may prove
what the will of God is,
that which is good and acceptable
and perfect.**

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In this passage we begin to see how the transforming work of God's love desires to continue changing us.

We cooperate by faith with the urging of the Holy Spirit and experience God's renewing of our minds.

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**He has changed who we are
and now begins to change what we believe,
how we think about everything.
This leads to our no longer being conformed
like a cookie cutter to reflect the world
but instead we become like Christ
in how we live and what we pursue.
Through our lives we are able to prove
or demonstrate the will of God.**

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Ephesians 2:1-10;

**1 And you were dead in your
trespasses and sins,**

**2 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.**

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Ephesians 2:1-10;

**3 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.**

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Ephesians 2:1-10;

**4 But God, being rich in mercy,
because of His great love
with which He loved us,**

An open book is shown in a dark, low-key setting. A pair of hands is resting on the pages of the book, which are slightly open. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the paper and the skin of the hands against the dark background.

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Ephesians 2:1-10;

**5 even when we were dead
in our transgressions,
made us alive together with Christ
(by grace you have been saved),**

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Ephesians 2:1-10;

**6 and raised us up with Him,
and seated us with Him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**



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Ephesians 2:1-10;

7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are slightly aged and the text is faint. In the center of the book, a heart shape has been cut out, revealing a dark background behind it. The heart is positioned centrally, with its top and bottom points aligned with the spine of the book. The overall image is in grayscale, with the text overlaid in white and yellow.

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Ephesians 2:1-10;

**8 For by grace you have been
saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves,
it is the gift of God;**

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Ephesians 2:1-10;


**9 not as a result of works,
so that no one may boast.**

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Ephesians 2:1-10;

**10 For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand
so that we would walk in them.**

The background of the slide features a grayscale image of an open book, likely a Bible, with its pages spread wide. The book is centered and slightly out of focus, serving as a backdrop for the text. The overall tone is dark and contemplative.

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Ephesians 5:1-2

**1 Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children;**

**2 and walk in love,
just as Christ also loved you and gave
Himself up for us,
an offering and a sacrifice to God
as a fragrant aroma.**

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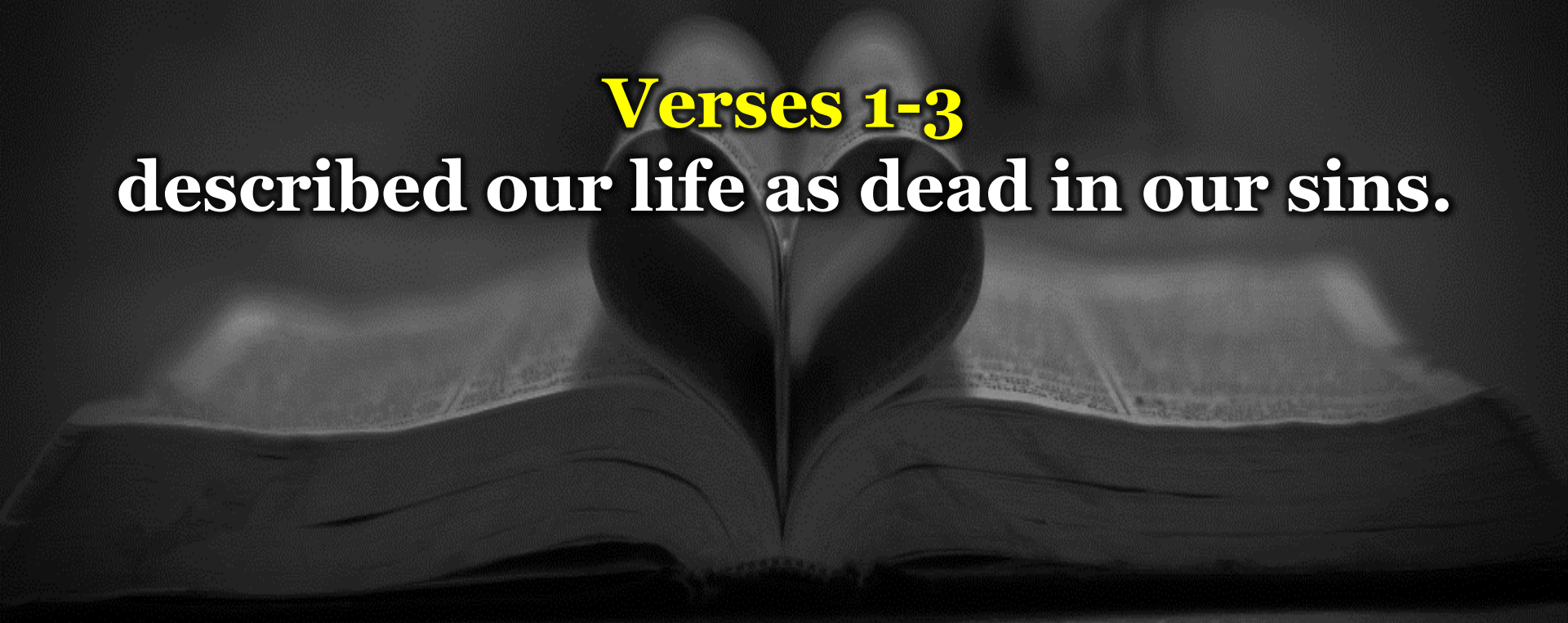
**Here in our final passage today
we see a clear description of our lives
before we experience the love of God
in salvation and our lives afterwards.**

An open book is shown in a dark, low-key setting. A soft, heart-shaped shadow is cast over the center of the book, symbolizing love. The text is overlaid on this image in a bold, white, serif font.

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Verses 1-3

described our life as dead in our sins.



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Verse 4

starts with the contrast “But God”.
God intervened because of His mercy
and His great Love with which
He loved us.

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Verses 5-10

**tells us how His love joined our lives
to Jesus as we responded to His Grace
with faith.**

**We see that once saved we are
God's work project.**

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**God's love changes us to be able to serve
His Kingdom with good works.**

**These good works clearly could not lead
us to be accepted by God.**

**However, once we are transformed
by God's love, good works of faith
are a normal part of our experience.**

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In the weeks ahead we will be looking together at more details concerning how this transformation actually happens. For today let's consider a few thoughts and questions seeking to apply the message from God.

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Applications



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Applications

God's love does transform people.

Not just the real people of the Bible stories but you and me and others all around us.

The same love that transformed the people recorded in the Bible is able to transform people today.

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Applications

**Never give up on the power of God's love
and grace to transform a person.**

**We need to keep sharing
the Gospel story because
it is the power of God unto salvation.**

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Applications

Do you need to experience the transforming power of God's love today?

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Applications

**Who do you know that needs to
experience the transforming love of God?**

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