

# To Defeat Sin

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21; HEBREWS 2:9-18; EPHESIANS 2:1-10

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Jesus became human to **BECOME SIN** for us

(2 Corinthians 5:21a; Hebrews 2:9, 14, 17)

↕ **identifying with sinners** Heb 2:17 Isaiah 53:3-4; Romans 8:3

**accountable in our place** 2 Cor 5:21a Isa 53:5-6; Galatians 3:13; Romans 5:18-19; Leviticus 16:21-22

to **DEFEAT** it at the cross

(Hebrews 2:14-15; Ephesians 2:1-3, 16)

**death defeated** Hebrews 2:14-15 1 Cor. 15:54-57; 2 Timothy 1:10; Romans 6:9-10

**Satan disarmed** Ephesians 2:1-3; 2:16 Colossians 2:14-15; Gen 3:15; John 12:31; 1 John 3:8

and make us truly **ALIVE.**

(Ephesians 2:4-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21b)

**from death to life** Eph 2:1-5 John 5:24; Col 2:12-13; 2 Cor 5:17

↪ **sent with purpose** Eph 2:10 John 20:21; Titus 3:5-8; Col 1:10; Phil 2:12-13

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



## Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

**What is this?** – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up at the Connect Desk, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in January!

### Food for Thought...

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

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1. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Isaiah 53:4-6.** In your own words, what does it mean that Jesus "became sin for us"? What does Paul *not mean* by that phrase? How would you explain this truth to someone who assumes Christianity is mainly about moral improvement?

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2. **Read Hebrews 2:14-15 and Colossians 2:13-15.** According to these passages, what did Jesus defeat through his death? How do fear, guilt, or accusation function as forms of bondage in people's lives today? Where do you personally need to trust that Christ's victory is already complete?

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**Secure Son/Daughter**

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



**Courageous Connector**

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



**Ready Storyteller**

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



**Legacy Builder**

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

**Word Find: Ephesians 2:1-5 (NLT)**

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup> **Once** you were **dead because** of your **disobedience** and your **many sins**.  
<sup>2</sup> You **used to live** in sin, **just like** the **rest** of the world, **obeying the devil**—the **commander** of the **powers** in the **unseen** world. He is the **spirit** at work in the **hearts** of those who **refuse** to **obey** God. <sup>3</sup> All of us **used to live** that way, **following** the **passionate desires** and **inclinations** of our sinful **nature**. By our **very nature** we were **subject** to God's **anger**, **just like everyone else**. <sup>4</sup> But God is so **rich** in **mercy**, and he **loved** us so **much**, <sup>5</sup> that **even** though we were **dead because** of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the **dead**. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

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Food for Thought *(continued)*

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3. **Read Ephesians 2:1–5 and Romans 6:4–11.** How does Paul describe life before Christ versus life *in* Christ? What does it look like to live as someone who has already been “made alive,” not just forgiven? Where do you see tension between who you are in Christ and how you sometimes still live?

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4. **Read Ephesians 2:8–10 alongside Matthew 28:18–20 and Titus 3:8.** How do these passages hold together grace, salvation, and good works without confusing their order? What might it look like for you to see your daily life—work, relationships, service—as part of the “good works” God prepared in advance? Where is God sending you to live out resurrection life this week?

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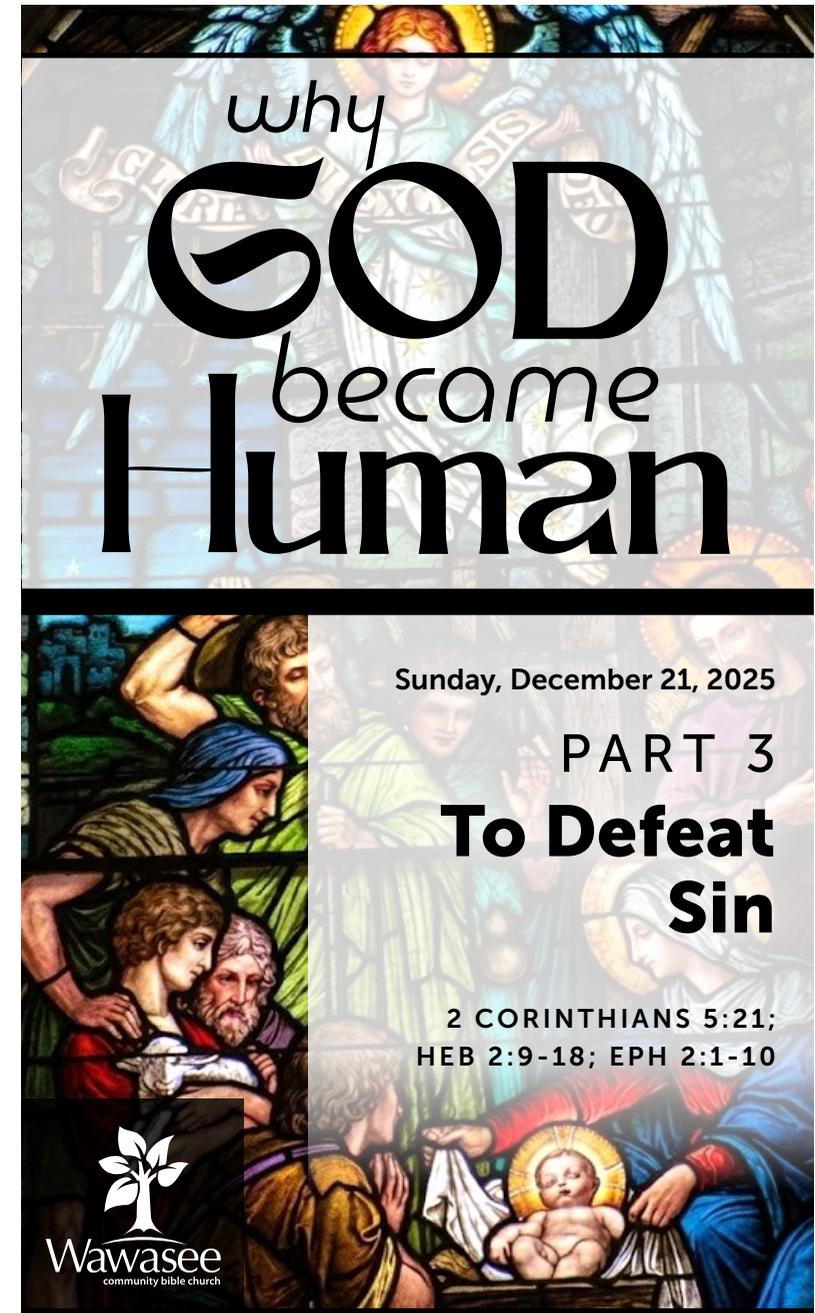
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