

# A Great Disadvantage to be Negative

## Ephesians 2:3

When an unsaved person is negative to the Gospel, it is a tragic disadvantage.

When a saved person is negative to the Word of God and God's plan, it is a tragic disadvantage. (In the original language you have a dative of advantage and a dative of disadvantage.)

When a believer chooses to live under the control of the Old Sin Nature's Influence, life will be without redeeming qualities. Many try to be spiritually successful while maintaining life under human efforts and human good and discover that life is empty, frustrating and miserable. All believers must come to realize the effects of OSN control or Holy Spirit and Biblical orientation control. In [Ephesians 2:3](#) the Spirit of God directed the Apostle Paul to speak of the believer's condition before salvation.

- 1) Spiritually dead
- 2) Influenced by Evil
- 3) Directed by the OSN's power

More specifically this 3<sup>rd</sup> verse presents:

- 1) Past conversation
- 2) Lusts of the flesh
- 3) Fulfillment of fleshly desires of body and mind
- 4) And by inherited endowment, children

Note: "*children by nature of wrath*" – MEANING: posterity of the Federal Head of the Universe – ADAM. The word children is used here – *TEKNA* – *τέκνα* with NO article preceding. When the article is there, we have identification – BUT with NO ARTICLE, it emphasizes the quality of the noun. ("*Children of wrath*" means that we are constantly being pulled toward the lake of fire.) The unsaved are constantly being drawn away from salvation and the believers are constantly being pulled, drawn, away from the triumphant, victorious, spiritual life.

We must begin to get a clearer understanding of THE OLD SIN NATURE.