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Why can't we stop killing ourselves?

of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:2–3 (ESV) 1. Satan For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. Romans 1:18 (ESV) 2. My Own Flesh Am I really that bad? 3. The World And <u>vou were dead</u> in the trespasses and sins Ephesians 2:1 (ESV) Why are we dead? Do you struggle with God's plan to punish <u>Satan</u>? What killed us? Why do I struggle with God's plan to punish me?

in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children

Is God really that good?

But <u>God</u>, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 2:4–6 (ESV)

We are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms.

so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:7 (ESV)

How should I respond?

1. Get rid of my ego and boasting.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV)

2. Let my living on the <u>outside</u> reflect my new life on the <u>inside</u>.

For <u>we are his workmanship</u>, <u>created in Christ Jesus for good works</u>, <u>which</u> <u>God prepared beforehand</u>, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)



But God...