

Ephesians

The Christian's Blessings, Behavior & Battles

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. The Christian's past: *dead in sin*
2. The Christian's present: *saved by grace*
3. The Christian's future: *for good works*

Ephesians 2:1 Past *“you were dead in ...”*

trespass

to go beyond the legal boundary, violate the law

sin

to miss the mark, fall short



Ephesians 2:2 Past

“you once walked, following the course of this world”

1. **Humanism** - man above all, his own god
2. **Materialism** - things valued too highly
3. **Sexual Perversion** - dominates society

Instigated by the spirit of anti-Christ 1 Jn. 4:1-3

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Ephesians 2:3 **Past**

“... lived in the passions of our flesh ...”

HEDONISM

A life without discipline and boundaries becomes
a wasted life consumed by addiction and sloth.

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Ephesians 2:3 **Past**



Sin will take you farther than you want to go,
keep you longer than you want to stay,
and cost you more than you want to pay. RZ

You are free to choose, but you are not free
from the consequences of your choice. ZZ

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Ephesians 2:4-5 **Present**

But God ...

our sin **BUT** God's rich mercy

our lostness **BUT** God's great love

our deadness **BUT** in **Christ** made alive

Ephesians 2:4-6 Present

But God ...

- > *mercy* - don't get what's deserved
- > *grace* - get what we don't deserve
- > *salvation* - saved from the penalty of our sin
- > *raised up with Him* - new life (progressive sanctification)
- > *seated in the heavenly places* (positional sanctification)

Ephesians 2:8-9 Present

Faith = to believe, trust

- For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe but also to suffer for His sake. Phil. 1:29
- No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. Jn. 6:44

Ephesians 2:7, 10 **Future**

- v. 7. **Far future** - *“in the coming ages”*
- v. 10. **Near future** - *“we are His workmanship ...”*
workmanship = poēma (greek) > poem



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Ephesians 2:10

You are God's artistic expression of love today.



We are all pencils in the hand of a writing God, who is sending love letters to the world.

Mother Teresa

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