

# **Ephesians Chapter Two**

## **Review of Chapter One**

VS 1-6 Blessings from the Father

- He has chosen us.
- He has adapted us.
- He has accepted us.

VS 7-12 Blessings from the Son

- He has redeemed us.
- He has forgiven us.
- He has revealed God's will to us.
- He has made us an inheritance.

VS 13-14 Blessings from the Spirit

- He has sealed us.
- He has given us a pledge as a downpayment for our inheritance.

VS 15-23 Prayer for Understanding

- For Spiritual understanding – spiritual eyes opened.
- That we would know the hope of His calling.
- That we would know the riches of His inheritance.
- That we would know His power

## **Overview of Ephesians Chapter Two**

**We are raised and seated with Christ in heavenly places (Throne).**

- What we were.
- What God did.
- What we are now.

## **Regarding the Gentiles**

- What the Gentiles were.
- What God did for them.
- What the Jews and Gentiles are now.

VS 1 Dead in trespasses and sin, yet He made us alive.

- Genesis 3 Spiritual death (separation from God) and physical death.
- Romans 5:12 Sin and Death entered the world through the fall.
- John 3 Nicodemus, "you must be born again."

## VS 2

- Walking in the course of this world
- According to the prince of the power of the air – media, airwaves, entertainment, music, etc.
- With disobedience.

## VS 3

- All of us followed the
  - Lust of the flesh
  - Fulfilling the desires of the flesh.
  - Fulfilling the desires of the mind (evil thoughts)
  - Our nature was deserving of God's wrath.
- 1 John 2:15-17 – world, flesh, and the devil.
- Galatians 5:19-21 – works of the flesh.

## VS 4 But God

- Rich in mercy.
- He great love that loved us.
- Romans 5:6-8
- Psalm 51:1-4
- Matthew 9:13

## VS 5-7

- We were dead.
- God made us alive.
- We are seated with Jesus in heavenly places.
- That He might show us the exceeding riches of His grace and kindness toward us.
- All through Christ Jesus.

## VS 8 - 10

- “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”
- Grace – unearned merit and favor of God. Can not be earned, purchased, and is not deserved.
- We can add nothing to the finished work of the cross.
- Jesus did it all for us willingly.
- Although it is free, you must accept the gift for yourself.
- James 2:14-26 – our faith is evident through our love and obedience to Jesus.
- We are created for good works that God has ordained for us to walk in.

## The Gentiles

### .VS 11

- Gentiles were despised, uncircumcised (a term of reproach).
- Jews did not eat with Gentiles nor enter their homes – Peter, Acts 10 – Cornelius
- Considered separated from God and the Covenant.

### VS 12

- Gentiles were without Christ.
- Gentiles were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel.
- Strangers to the covenants of promise.
- Gentiles were without hope.
- Gentiles were without God.
- Genesis Chapters 4-11 depict humanity without God.
- Romans Chapter 1:18-23 depict humanity without God.
- Humanity in general knows God but refuses to honor God and Worship God.
- Humanity by nature is in rebellion to Gods rule over their lives.

### VS 13 - 14

- In Christ Jesus you (Gentiles) have been brought near through the blood of Jesus.
- In Christ Jesus you now have peace with God.
- In Christ Jesus, the wall of partition has been removed and taken down.
- Acts 21: 28-31 – Paul accused of defiling the temple by bringing inside the mound a Gentile.

### VS 15

- The enmity between God and the Gentiles was abolish in the sacrifice of Jesus (His flesh).
- God removed our trespasses and record of sin – Colossians 2:13-15
- God created a new being – new creation.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

### VS 16 - 17

- The Jews and the Gentiles are now reconciled and part of the Body of Christ together.
- Both Jews and Gentiles lose their old identities and are now identified as Christians.
- The Jew is no longer under the law.
- Gentiles has equal rights and privileges with the Jews.
- Jesus
  - Is our peace.
  - Came to make peace.

- Preached peace.

#### VS 18

- The Trinity is all involved:
  - Through Him – the Son
  - By one Spirit – the Holy Spirit
  - Unto – The Father
- Jesus has given us direct access to the Father.
- The veil of the temple was torn in two.
- The Holy of Holies is no longer limited to the High Priest.

#### VS 19 – Therefore....

- You are no longer strangers.
- You are no longer foreigners.
- You are fellow citizens with the saints.
- You are part of the household of God.

#### VS 20 – The Foundation

- Apostles and Prophets
- Jesus Christ is the head cornerstone.
- I Corinthians 3:11 – the foundation is Jesus Christ
- Matthew 16 13-18 – upon this rock I will build my church.
- 1 Peter 2:4-8 – I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone.
- Matthew 7:24-27 – build your house upon the rock.

#### VS 21-23

- 1 Peter 2:5 – living stones.
- Organic, living, growing together into a holy temple in the Lord.
- A habitation and place for God to dwell in/with us, through the Holy Spirit.
- God dwelt:
  - In the wilderness tabernacle.
  - In Solomon's Temple.
  - In Christ's body.
  - In our bodies.
  - In the Church.

