

Ephesians

One Family in Christ

Ephesians 2

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Introduction:

- **Acts 2:36-38**
 - **1st John 1:9**
 - Spiritual Blessings in Christ:
 - Before the creation of the world, God chose *to have a people who would be holy and blameless in Christ, that is the church.*
 - He chose *to adopt all who would respond to Him into the Family of God, because of what Jesus did at the Cross.*
 - In Christ, *we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins.*
 - In Christ, *He lavishes on us all wisdom and understanding.*
 - In Christ, *He has made known the mystery of His Will according to His good pleasure.*
 - In Christ, *we have the Holy Spirit who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance.*
 - God offered us to be part of His Family:
 - First chance in the Garden –
 - Second chance in Christ –
 - Paul prayed for two specific things:
 - For the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation that we would know God better.
 - That our hearts may be enlightened to know His hope.
 - **Hebrews 12:2-3**
 - **Genesis 12:1-3**
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1. Spiritually Dead:

- a. **Ephesians 2:1-3**
- b. Remember how we ended **Ephesians 1**.
- c. **Genesis 2:16-17** – Two kinds of death entered the world:
 1. Physical Death –
 2. Spiritual Death –
- d. Greek – **Paraptoma** (*Par-Rap-Toma*) ... English – **Transgressions** ... “*The action of going beyond or overstepping some moral boundary or limit.*”
- e. Greek – **Hamartia** (*Ham-R-Tia*) ... English – **Sin** ... “*To ignore something required by God’s Law or Character whether by thought, feeling, speech, or action.*”
- f. **Romans 3:23**
- g. **Ephesians 2:3**
- h. **Acts 4:12**
- i. **Hebrews 12:2-3**

2. Saved by Grace, Through Faith:

- a. **Ephesians 2:4**
- b. Greek – **Eleos** ... English – **Mercy** ... “*To show leniency or compassion towards offenders by a person or agency of authority.*”
- c. Greek – **Charis** ... English – **Grace** ... “*Good will that is freely given, by God to someone who has not earned it.*”
- d. **Romans 5:8**
- e. **2nd Corinthians 5:21**
- f. **Isaiah 61:10**
- g. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
- h. This passage does not say:
 1. **It does not say** – *That all you must do is believe and you will be saved.* – **Mark 16:16 ... John 3:16 ... John 20:31**
 2. **It does not say** – *That Faith alone will save you.* – What is Saving Faith?
 1. Assent –
 2. Trust –
 3. **Acts 2:38**
- i. **Ephesians 2:10**
- j. We should reflect Christ as our Creator ... I cannot say that I am a Christian and not reflect Christ:
 1. **Matthew 5:14-16**
 2. **Matthew 7:15-23**
 3. **Galatians 5:22** – Reflecting Christ
- k. Some preach and teach a message that is not from the Bible at all. – **Galatians 1:6-9**

3. One Christian Family:

- a. **Ephesians 2:14-16**
- b. There is no longer Jewish or Gentile – There are only Christians.
- c. This fulfills the promise made to Abraham – **Genesis 12:1-3**
- d. **Ephesians 2:19-22**
- e. Greek – **Akrogoniaois** (*Ack-Grow-Go-Knee-Ios*) ... English – **Cornerstone** ... “*Perfectly cut stone to intersect two walls.*”