

# Ephesians Bible Study Notes

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## Ephesians 2:1-10

Recap – Literary Context

### What was Chapter 1 about?

- Spiritual blessings in Christ
  - o Adoption as children through Jesus Christ (v.5)
  - o Redemption through his blood, forgiveness of sins (v.7)
  - o Obtained an inheritance (v.11)
  - o Sealed with the Holy Spirit (v.13)
- Paul
  - o He does not stop giving thanks (v.16) and does not stop praying for them.
    - Because of their faith in Jesus and their love for the saints (v.15)
  - o He prays for
    - God to give them the Holy Spirit (v.17), who will
      - Open the eyes of their heart (v.18) to understand
        - o the hope (v.18)
        - o the riches (v.18) of his glorious inheritance
        - o the greatness of his power (v.19)

### Part 1 – The Bad News

- What was our spiritual condition apart from Jesus Christ (v.1)? \_\_\_\_\_
- What three “activities/patterns” describe our life of sin (v.2)?
  - o 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - o 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the ways of this world
  - o 3) \_\_\_\_\_ the prince of the air
- What words are used to describe the identity of such sinners (v.2)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - o And we were included in that group of people (v.3a)
- Who is empowering such people (v.2)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - o ref. 1 John 5:19 – “We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”
  - o John 12:31 – “Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.”
  - o 2 Corinthians 4:4 – “In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

- What words are used to describe the “lifestyle” of such sons/children of disobedience (v.3)?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the passions of our flesh
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the desires of the body and mind
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ children of wrath
- **Who** all are included in this group (v.3)? \_\_\_\_\_

### What was the bad news?

By nature, we were all dead in our trespasses and sins, and we were going down the path of wrath and destruction.

### Part 2 – The Good News

- Who entered into the scene (v.4)? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are two characteristics of God (v.4)?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- What did God do (v.5)? even when we were dead \_\_\_\_\_
  - Christ’s life is the pattern and model of our life.
  - **\*\*Contrast with dead.**
- What was God’s motivation (v.5)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is grace?
    - Grace is something we do not deserve, but given to us.
    - Grace is not by our works, but is given by someone.
    - Charity
- How does our life *in* Christ resemble the life *of* Christ (v.6)?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ with him
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ with him in the heavenly places/realms
- What was the purpose of his salvation (v.7)?
  - so that he might \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the means of salvation/how are we saved (v.8)? By...
  - 1) God’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Our \_\_\_\_\_
- Who empowered salvation (v.8-9)?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ - (gift)
  - 2) NOT \_\_\_\_\_ - (works)
  - **\*\*Contrast to who empowered life of disobedience. - devil**
- What’s the implication of God’s saving us by his grace (v.9)?
  - No one may \_\_\_\_\_.
- What word is used to describe those who have been saved by God (v.10)?
  - We are His \_\_\_\_\_
- What is God’s intended function for those who have been saved by him (v.10)?
  - for \_\_\_\_\_
- What “activity” is used to describe the life of those saved by God (v.10)?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - **\*\*Contrast with the activities of the sons of disobedience.**

## **What is the Good News?**

We were hopeless, but God made us alive according to his great mercy and saved us by his grace through our faith in Jesus. He did this so that we would live a life devoted to good works.

Main Idea

**You were dead because of sin; you have been saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ for the purpose of good works.**

Implications for Our Faith and Life

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