



REVEALED

The Mystery of Christ in Ephesians

Ephesians 2:1-10

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HUMANITY B.C. (WHAT WE ARE BY NATURE)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in 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— ³among 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 of wrath, like the rest of mankind. – Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV)

1. We Are Spiritually Dead

Verse 1

2. We Are Thoroughly Enslaved

Verses 2-3

3. We Are Fully Guilty

Verse 3

HUMANITY A.D. (WHAT WE ARE BY GRACE)

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. – Ephesians 2:4-10 (ESV)

1. We Are Favored By God

Verses 4 & 7

2. We Are United With Christ

Verses 5-6

The Power Of “Syn” Living in the Christ Event

- *Suffer With* – Rom 8:17; 2 Tim 2:9-12
- *Crucified With* – Rom 6:6; Gal 2:20
- *Buried With* – Rom 6:2-8; 2 Tim 2:11
- *Revived With* – Eph 2:5; Rom 6:4, 8-11
- *Raised With* – Eph 2:6; Col 2:12; 3:1
- *Seated With* – Eph 2:6; 2 Tim 2:12
- *Glorified With* – Rom 8:17; Col 3:4
- *Coming With* – 1 Thess. 3:13; 4:17

3. We Are Exhibitions of Grace

Verses 8-10

- Grace is a GIFT
- Grace is a POWER

Which Lifestyle Are You Living?

Once walked ... Should walk

I Will Live The Mystery by...

- Memorizing *Ephesians 2:8*
- Living an A.D. life in a B.C. world.
- Rediscovering God’s great favor toward me in Christ.
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

WALK THE TALK

A Growth Group Guide

1. Why do we talk about a balanced way of thinking and living so much? How does this week's passage help show the two poles by which we should view our lives?
2. Why do you think people don't like to view themselves the way Paul describes us in Ephesians 2:1-3? But why must we view ourselves this way to get real with the human condition?
3. How does reading Ephesians 2:4-10 breathe life and hope into the situation we find ourselves in, in the first three verses? Why must we view ourselves this way to get real with who we can become?
4. How can we walk an A.D. life in a B.C. world, and why does it matter?
5. What about this whole passage stood out to you the most, and why did it make such an impact on your mind and heart?
6. What do you think you specifically need to do this week to start "living the mystery of Christ" out?