

Part 3 – Ephesians 2:1-10

II. Ephesians Chapter 2 (Focus is “Our Position”)

- a. **Ephesians 2:1–3 (NKJV)** And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

(1) made alive: In order for someone to be “Made” alive, he/she must first be dead.

(2) **ALIVE**, a. (1.) Having life, in opposition to dead; living; being in a state in which the organs perform their functions, and the fluids move, whether in animals or vegetables; as, the man or plant is alive. (2) In a state of action; unextinguished; undestroyed; unexpired; in force or operation; as, keep the process alive. (3) Cheerful; sprightly; lively; full of alacrity; as, the company were all alive. (4) Susceptible; easily impressed; having lively feelings, as when the mind is solicitous about some event; as, one is alive to whatever is interesting to a friend. (5) Exhibiting motion or moving bodies in great numbers. (6) In a scriptural sense, regenerated; born again. (For this my son was dead and is alive. Luke 15.)

(3) **Notice:** Verse two connects that the same “spirit” working in the sons of disobedience also is connected to the “lust of our flesh.”

- a. **Ephesians 2:4–10 (NKJV)** ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might

show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

(1) Raised Up; Sitting together in heavenly places IN CHRIST! Made us alive together, raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Jesus Christ! Where are you? Not in a place of defeat, but in a place of power, grace and mercy! Positioned for success.

(2) Grace and Mercy go hand in hand: **Grace** – God’s own sovereign ability to get the job done on our behalf when we can’t do it; The Greek Definition of Grace is acceptance, benefit, favor, joy, liberality and pleasure. **Mercy**: compassion. Deliver, ;protect, heal, preserve, and made whole.

(3) God’s power, grace and mercy is a perpetual, continual event.

(4) **Workmanship**: product; that which is manufactured, a design produced by an artisan. God is the master designer of the universe as His creation (Rom 1:20) and the redeemed believer as His new creation (Eph 2:10) Conversion brought us balance, symmetry, and order. We are God’s poem, His work of art.

(5) Our IDENTITY has SHIFTED, IT HAS CHANGED, IT IS NOW SUPERNATURAL:

(a) We are justified by (declared “not guilty” of sin)
Romans 3:24

b) No condemnation awaits us. Romans 8:1

(c) We are set free from the law of sin that leads to death.
Romans 8:2

(d) We are sanctified, made holy, and made acceptable in
Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:2

(e) We are righteous and Holy in Christ. 1 Corinthians
1:30

(f) We will be made alive at the resurrection. 1
Corinthians 15:22

(g) WE are new creations. 2 Corinthians 5:17

(h) We receive God's righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:21

(i) We are one in Christ with all other believers.
Galatians 3:28

(j) We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
Ephesians 1:3

(k) We are holy and blameless. Ephesians 1:4

(l) We are adopted as God's children. Ephesians 1:5-6

(m) Our sins are taken away, and we are forgiven.
Ephesians 1:7

(n) We will be brought under Christ's authority.
Ephesians 1:10-11

(o) We are identified as belonging to God by the Holy
Spirit. Ephesians 1:13

(p) We have been raised up to sit with Christ in glory.
Ephesians 2:6

(q) We are God's work of art. Ephesians 2:10

- (r) We have been brought near to God. Ephesians 2:13
- (s) We share I the promises of blessings through Christ.
Ephesians 3:6
- (t) We can come with freedom and confidence into God's presence. Ephesians 3:12
- (u) We are members of Christ's body, the church.
Ephesians 5:29-30
- (v) We are made complete in Christ. Colossians 2:10
- (w) We are set free from our sinful nature. Colossians 2:11
- (x) We will have eternal glory. 2 Timothy 2:10

(5) How do we begin to live this life of power, grace and mercy? We will look at that next week! **Power** is to excel in life, **grace** is to sustain us and give us God's power and ability to succeed and **mercy** is to pick us up, forgive us when we fall and encourage us to the next level through compassion and forgiveness.