

L52 | Ephesians | "Fulfilling the Desires of The Flesh and Mind" | Ephesians 2:1-10

I. Intro/Review:

1. The Exceeding Greatness of His Power

1.1 - Wrought in Christ

1.1.1 - Raised from the Dead

1.1.2 - Set at own right hand

- Far above all
- In this world and the world to come

1.1.3 - Put all things under His feet

1.1.4 - Gave Him to be head of the church, the body

1.2 - Filleth all in all (the fulness of God)

2. And you

2.1 - Such power is to us-ward who believe

2.1.1 - Quickened together with Christ

2.1.2 - Raised together with Christ

2.1.3 - Sit together in heavenly places in Christ

2.2 - Such power quickened us from

2.2.1 - dead in trespasses and sins

2.2.2 - walked according to the course of this world (time past)

2.2.3 - according to the prince of the power of the air

2.2.4 - the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience

2.2.5 - had our conversation in the lusts of our flesh

- Fulfilling the desires
 - 1. Of the flesh, and
 - 2. Of the mind

2.2.6 - were by nature the children of wrath

3. Exceeding Greatness of His Power

3.1 - In this world, and

3.1.1 - Christ at the right hand | far above all | all put under Him | not all subdued

3.1.2 - "the course of this world" | Ephesians walked according to it and was their time past | spirit now worketh

3.1.3 - "this world" | Christ far above all | all put under Him | not all subdued | spirit of this world now works | battle | introduction to the exceeding greatness of His power against this spirit

3.2 - the world to come

3.2.1 - Christ at the right hand | far above all | all put under Him | subduing all things
3.2.2 - Dispensation of the fulness of times (Eph. 1) | "throughout all ages, world without end. (Eph. 3)

II. Preview:

1. In This World and The World to Come
2. Time Past, Now, But God

III. Sermon:

**And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
{Ephesians 2:1-2}**

1. In This World and The World to Come

1.1 - Getting there

1.1.1 - Ps. 2:1-12

- Acts 4:23-30

1.1.2 - Ps. 110:1-7

- Sit thou at my right hand (after resurrection)
- :2 - rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies
- :5 - The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath

1. Sit and Stand

- Sitting
 - Taking up of all rule, all authority, and power
 - Must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet (footstool - Gen. 3:15)
 - Heb. 1:3, 10:12
- Standing
 - The execution of rule, authority, and power to destroy and subdue
 - Begins with His wrath - Ps. 110:5; 2:4-5
 - Acts 7:51-60
 - Matt. 25:31
 - Matt. 26:64 (Ps. 80:17)
 - Dan. 7:13 - David's son/David's Lord
- Will end His "sitting" when all enemies are subdued - God all in all - Eph. 1 - dispensation of the fulness of times
 - God all in all by His fulness in Christ filling all in all
 - Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Christ

2. Gathered Together in Christ

- Eph. 1

2. **Time Past, Now, But God** - "Behold all things are new" (2 Cor. 5)

2.1 - Time Past

2.1.1 - Dead in trespasses and sins - dead to God - alive to sin - wages of sin debt

2.1.2 - walked

1. "According to the course of this world"
 - 1.1 - "this world" - defined by God sitting without not all enemies as His footstool
 - 1.2 - "this world" - different from the world to come
 - 1.3 - "this world" - includes their "time past" and "now"
2. According to the prince of the power of the air
 - 2.1 - "prince" - Christ far above all principalities
 - 2.2 - "prince" - worked in "time past" and "now"
3. The spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience
 - 3.1 - "spirit" - prince of the power of the air uses a "spirit"
 - 3.2 - "spirit" - the Ephesians walked according to it
 - 3.3 - "spirit" - "now worketh"
 - 3.4 - "spirit" - "now worketh" in contrast to the exceeding greatness of His power working according to His mighty power
 - 3.4.1 - a different "spirit"
 - 3.4.2 - Rom. 1 - "spirit of holiness"
 - 3.4.3 - Rom. 7 - "serve in newness of spirit"
 - 3.4.4 - 1 Cor. 2 - "spirit of God" - "the mind of Christ" - Christ is God's fulness to fill all in all.

**Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh,
fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath,
even as others.
{Ephesians 2:3}**

2.1.3 - "among whom also we all had our"

1. "conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh,"
 - 1.1 - "conversation" - overthrow; return to God
 - 1.2 - "fulfilling the desires"
 - 1.1.1 - "of the flesh" - body/outward
 - 1.1.2 - "of the mind" - spirit/inward
 - 1.1.3 - 1 Cor. 15 - flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God
 - 1.1.4 - Christ inherits all - God inherits all in Christ - Christ fills all - Christ in you is opposite of "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind"

2.1.4 - "and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."

1. "the children of wrath" - deserving of the wages of our sin (Rom. 1 - gave up, gave over)
2. Now a peculiar people - "quickened"

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
{Ephesians 2:4}

2.2 - "But God"

- ({1-2} - 2 statements - 1 He is merciful - 1 For His love | {3} 1 statement of our status
| {4-6} 3 declarations of His power | {7} 1 purpose clause)

2.2.1 - "who is rich in mercy"

2.2.2 - "for His great love wherewith he loved us,"

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
{Ephesians 2:5}

2.2.3 - "even when we were dead in sins" - Rom. 5

2.2.4 - "hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"

**And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
{Ephesians 2:6}**

2.2.5 - "and hath raised us up together,"

2.2.6 - "and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"

**That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness
toward us through Christ Jesus. {Ephesians 2:7}**

2.2.7 - "that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His
kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

IV. Conclusion: