

L56 | Ephesians | "God's Shew in The Ages to Come" | Eph. 2:1-10

I. Intro/Review:

The Operation of God (Col. 2:12)/The Workmanship Created in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:5-6)

1. Quickened - not dead
 - Quickened, except it die (1 Cor. 15:36)
 - Crucified with Christ
 - Buried with Him
 - Quickened by the Spirit (1 Pet. 3:18)
 - Redemption forgiveness of sins (Col. 2:13)
 2. Raised - the course of this world
 3. Seated - fulfilling the desires of flesh and mind
- "together with Christ" - instead of together with Adam
 - Rom. 5
 - Adam - sin and death
 - Natural Generation/dead/earthly/worldly
 - Body - grow, develop, walk, and eat
 - Christ - righteousness and eternal life
 - Regeneration/quickenened/raised/seated
 - Inner Man - grow, develop, walk, and eat
 - Body - redemption of body/fashioned like His
 - 1 Cor. 15:45
 - Adam - living soul
 - Christ - quickening spirit
 - 2 Cor. 5:14-17
 - A New Creature - old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new
 - The knowledge of the new, the knowledge of the resurrection, the knowledge of that which is to come, the knowledge of the heavenlies

II. Preview:

- God's Shew in The Ages to Come
 1. This World
 2. Ages to Come

III. Sermon:

**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}**

- **God's Shew in The Ages to Come**

1. **This World** - evil (Gal. 1:4)

- **"the course of this world"** - Eph. 2:2

1.1 - Adam - sin and death

1.2 - **"the god of this world"** - 2 Cor. 4:4

- Blind, darkness - Eph. 6:12

- **"children of disobedience"**

- Tradition, philosophies, ideologies, deceit, wisdom
- "the disputer of this world" - 1 Cor. 1:20
- "wisdom of this world" - Rom. 1, 1 Cor. 1:20
- "princes of this world" - 1 Cor. 2:6
 - Affliction and oppression (injustice) - Ps. 42:9; Ps. 62:10; Ps. 73:8; Ps. 107:39; Ecc. 5:8
 - Isa. 5:7, 30:12, 59:13
 - Ps. 49:6 - "they that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;"
 - Ps. 123:1-4

1.4 - **"the bondage of corruption"** - Rom. 8

- Environment and body
 - Sickness, virus, no engineered virus', no weakness, no vileness
- Temporary, earthly
- Corrupts riches, time, and reputation
 - Makes these things "cares" of this world - Matt. 13:22; Mar. 4:19; Luk. 8:14
 - 1 Tim. 6:9-10, 17-19
 - Hedonism - 1 Cor. 15:32 - "let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die."

1.5 - Summary

- Ps. 123:1-4
- Ps. 17:14-15
- Do not love this present world - 2 Tim. 4:10
- We use it and not abuse it - 1 Cor. 7
- The End of This World
 - 1 Cor. 8:13 - "while the world standeth"
 - 1 Cor. 10:11 - "ends of the world"

2. **Ages to Come** - Eph. 1:21, 2:7, 3:21

2.1 - **"inheritance** (the kingdom of Christ)" - Eph. 5:1-6 - sin, wickedness, unrighteousness wrath

2.2 - **"Christ is all and in all"** - Col 3:11 - "the love of Christ", charity

- Isa. 55:1-3

2.3 - **"children of God"** - Rom. 8 - not hidden, but manifest

2.4 - **"the glorious liberty"** - Rom. 8

- Environment of glory
- Spiritual
- Heavenly
- Incorruptible (not only no corruption, but an environment in which corruption cannot enter)
- Your dealings with others, the affairs of the world to come - no fear, no worry, comfort, ease, purposeful work
- Body - glorious body - no sickness, no weakness, no infirmities and ailments

3. Exposition of verse

- **"that"** - the purpose of God's operation of us with Christ - His workmanship
 - The mighty power in Christ, the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward
 - Quickened, raised, seated
- **"in the ages to come"** - stand in contrast to the "wrath" (Eph. 2:3)
 - "wrath" - Rom. 2:8-9 - "indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man"
- **"He might shew"** - to point out, to show, demonstrate, prove; to manifest, display, put forth
 - Rom. 8 - the manifestation of the sons of God - shew His work
- **"exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness"** - contrast to His wrath, indignation, wrath, tribulation and anguish upon the soul
 - Love - Eph. 1 - before Him in love
 - Glory
 - Jn. 17:1-3, 17-24
- **"toward us through Christ Jesus."**
 - Look back to Eph. 1 - in Christ, by Christ, through Christ

IV. Conclusion: