

L51 | Ephesians | "And You" | Ephesians 2:1-10

I. Intro/Review:

1. The "Blessedness" of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
 - 1.1 - Hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings
 - 1.1.1 - in heavenly places
 - 1.1.2 - in Christ
 - 1.2 - Chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world
 - 1.2.1 - holy and without blame before Him in love
 - 1.3 - Predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself (Father)
 - 1.3.1 - accepted in the beloved
 - 1.4 - In Whom we have redemption through His blood
 - 1.4.1 - the forgiveness of sins
 - 1.5 - Made known unto us the mystery of His will
 - 1.5.1 - He might gather together in one all things in Christ in the dispensation of the fulness of times
 1. Both which are in heaven, and
 2. Which are on earth
2. Blessedness of not just that which is "of Him" and it being known - but it has worked
 - 2.1 - Obtained an inheritance
 - 2.1.1 - be to the praise of His glory
 - 2.1.2 - holy Spirit of promise
 1. Sealed
 2. Earnest of our inheritance
3. Blessedness of His purpose coming to fruition
 - 3.1 - Until the redemption of the purchased possession
4. Paul's Prayer - to receive and to know
 - 4.1 - Give the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
 - 4.2 - To know
 - 4.2.1 - The hope of His calling
 1. The Good Pleasure of His Will
 2. Divine Family
 3. Divine Gov't
 - 4.2.2 - The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints

1. Christ all in all - fulness of God - filleth all in all
2. Christ in you, the hope of glory

4.2.3 - The exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe

1. Raised
2. Set
3. Headship
4. Given to the church

II. Preview:

1. And You

1.1 - Who were in time past

1.2 - But God

III. Sermon:

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
{Ephesians 2:1}

1. "and you"

1.1 - Two words framed by their context 1) if in a context of rebuke they hold condemnation and anguish; 2) if given in the context attached to the exceeding greatness of the Father's power wrought in Christ - "and you" carries power and anticipation with it

1.2 - "hath He quickened" - italics

1.2.1 - hath He exercised this power toward already!

1.3 - "and you - who were"

1.3.1 - Col. 1:21 - "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled

1.3.2 - Col. 2:13 - "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses;"

1.3.3 - Rom. 6:17 - "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

- :20 - "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness."

1.3.4 - 1 Cor. 6:9-11 - "...and such were some of you (fornicators, idolators, etc): but ye are washed..."

1.4 - "**dead in trespasses and sins;**"

1.4.1 - God's view of you in the past - perfect view of you in His sight - DEAD

1.4.2 - Not dead as if you didn't move or didn't do any works

1.4.3 - the works you did were

1. trespasses - sins against commandments
2. sins - sins as known by the law (Rom. 3:20 - "...for by the law is the knowledge of sin.")

1.4.4 - Motions - Rom. 7:5 - "For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death."

- Not accepted in God's sight
- Come short of His glory
- Not pleasing to Him

1.4.5 - Eph. 2:1 - "...ye walked"

**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 2:2}**

1.4.4 - **"wherein in time past"**

1. "wherein" - trespasses' and sins
2. "in time past" - Eph. 1:13 - before they heard the work of truth and trusted/believed

1.4.5 - **"ye walked"**

1. Past tense - description of the conversation (Eph. 4:22 - "former conversation") before the word of truth
2. **"according to the course of this world"**

2.1 - "according" - used to describe that which God determined "before the foundation of the world" - that which "of" Him.

2.2. - "course" - translated "age"/"world"

2.2.1 - "course" - a passing; a moving, or motion forward; direction of motion; line of advancing; a passing or process; the progress of any thing

2.3 - "of this world"

2.3.1 - Contrast - Eph. 1:4 - "before the foundation of the world" - before all ages

- God's course

2.3.2 - Eph. 1:21 - "...not only in this world"

2.3.3 - The Ephesians "time past" is identified as "this world"

1. Christ is far above all - in this world and the world to come

1.1 - Rom.5:20-21 - "...grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

- Rom. 5:14 - "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of Him that was to come."
- Grace reigns in this world and the world to come - world without end and is over them that have not done righteously after the similitude of Christ's righteousness.

2. All things put under Him - not all things put under Him

2.1 - Heb. 2:7-8 - "...For in that He put all in subjection under Him, He left nothing that is not put under Him. But now we see not yet all things put under Him."

2.2 - 1 Cor. 15:24-28 - "...For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet...And when all things shall be subdued unto Him..."

3. Therefore, although all enemies are put under Him subjected to Him, but not all are subdued; hence, some enemies although under Christ are not subdued yet.

3. "according to the prince of the power of the air"

3.1 - The age of this world that the Ephesians walked dead in trespasses and sins is according to the prince of the power of the air.

3.1.1 - Where was iniquity first found? - in Lucifer (Isa. 14; Eze. 28:15)

3.1.2 - Who beguiled Eve and first in the transgression? - the Serpent (2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14)

3.1.3 - Who once then sinned passed it to all men? - Adam (Rom. 5:12)

3.1.4 - Who had the power of death (sin & death)? - the devil (Heb. 2:14)

3.1.5 - Who is the father of the lie? - the devil (Jn. 8:44)

3.1.6 - Who had the glory of all the kingdoms and tempted Christ with it? Satan (Matt. 4:8-10)

3.1.7 - Who preyed upon man's sinful lusts to usher in the vail of darkness over the nations? Satan (Rom. 1; Isa. 25:7)

3.2 - "prince of the power" - principalities and powers

3.3 - "of the air" - air, breathe, heaven, invisible

3.3.1 - Height/Heaven

- Col. 1:16 - "visible and invisible"
- His title in connection with "the height" - Rom. 8

3.3.2 - we will "meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

- In subduing the prince of the power of the air

3.4 - "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

3.4.1 - "the spirit" - contrary to God's Spirit revealing His spirit to us

1. Eph. 1:13
2. 1 Cor. 2
3. Eph. 1:17

3.4.2 - "that now worketh"

1. Even though Christ is above all
2. Reigning and yet not all things subdued
3. "worketh" contrary to what God "worketh" (Eph. 1:11, 19; Php. 2:13)
 - 3.1 - Know His power

3.4.3 - "in the children of disobedience"

1. Translated as "unbelief" - Rom. 11:30, 32; Heb. 4:6, 11)
2. Obedience and belief/faith - Rom. 6:17, 16:26, 1:16-18 (believeth to be saved from wrath (Eph. 5:6))
3. Not Eph. 1:13 - "in whom also after that ye believed, ye were seal with that holy Spirit of promise"
4. Going to learn how the exceeding greatness of His power "now worketh in the children of obedience" (Eph. 5:1-6)
5. Preparation for "warfare"
 - 5.1 - Christ at the right hand of God with all things put under Him
 - 5.2 - All enemies subjected to Him, but not subdued
 - 5.3 - Warfare and fighting | opportunities to be overcome, etc
 - 5.3.1 - Rom. 12
 - 5.3.2 - 2 Cor. 11
 - 5.3.3 - Eph. 6

**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}**

4. **"among whom also we all had our conversation in time past" (association with the world)**

4.1 - "among whom also" - we were not only among them, but also had our conversation like them

4.2 - "conversation" - general course of manners; behavior;

4.2.1 - a keeping company; familiar intercourse; intimate fellowship or association; commerce in social life

4.2.2 - translated - 1 Tim. 3:15 - "to behave thyself"

- Heb. 13:18 - "live"

- 1 Pet. 1:17 - "pass"
- Matt. 17:22 - "abode"
- John 2:15 - "overthrew"
- Acts 5:22, 15:16 - "returned, return"

4.2.3 - we were overthrown, behaving contrary to God (enemy, enmity)

4.2.4 - "in the lusts of our flesh"

- This was our "conversation"
- This is what the spirit of the prince of the power of the air and course of this world works

4.3 - "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind" (association with ourselves)

4.3.1 - filled with this spirit contrary to God (Rom. 8)

4.3.2 - "the desires" - translated "will", "desires" (1x), "pleasure" (1x - Rev. 4:11)

- "desires", "pleasures" - Eph. 1:9 - man reduced to fulfilling the will of flesh and mind
- Eph. 5:17, 6:6; Col. 1:9; Rom. 12

4.4 - "and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (association with God)

IV. Conclusion: