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## **Unbounded: Paul's Faith from Prison**

If We Only Knew - Ephesians 2:1-7

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### **NOTES:**

Background

Ephesians 1

Ephesians 2

**v 1**

**v 2 – 3**

**v 3b**

**v 4 – 5**

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**Ephesians 2: 1 - 7**

## Background

- Ephesians was written by the Apostle Paul - one of his “Prison Epistles”
- Paul is now 60 years old – 25+ years since his road to Damascus encounter (Acts 9)
- Has more Missionary Frequent Traveler Miles than any of us
- Started the Ephesian church ~ 7 years ago
- Written to **Believers in Christ**

# Ephesians 1, v 3 - 14



Our Spiritual Blessings in Christ

**Christ**<sub>(7)</sub> **glory**<sub>(2)</sub> **God**<sub>(3)</sub> **praise**<sub>(4)</sub> **redemption**<sub>(2)</sub>

# Ephesians 1, v 15 - 23

## Paul's Personal Encouragement to the Ephesian church (and Us!)

...That incomparably great power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> GOD exerted when GOD raised Christ from the dead and seated him at the right hand of the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> **Christ's Power for the Faithful** power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

(Ephesians 1: 19 – 21 NIV)





# Ephesians 2, v 1 - 3

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,  
<sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.  
<sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

## Ephesians 2, v 4 - 7

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,  
<sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

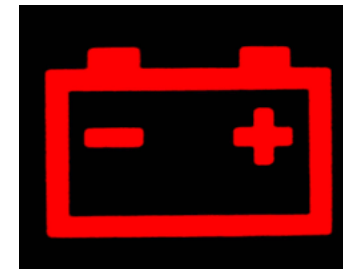
<sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

<sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

# Ephesians 2, v 1

**LOST**

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# Ephesians 2, v 2 - 3

**TOSSED**

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**WORLD**



## Ephesians 2, v 3b

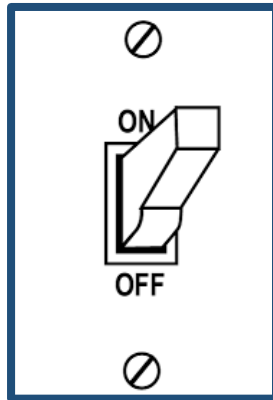
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**What is the wrath of God and  
how does that show up in a life?**

# Ephesians 2, v 4 - 5

**SAVED**

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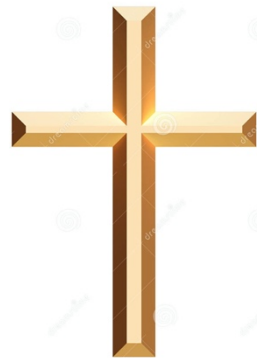


# Ephesians 2, v 6 - 7

**POWERED**

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<sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

(John 16: 33 NIV)



# Ephesians 2, v 7

**POWERED**

7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

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