



EPHESIANS

LIVING THE NEW CREATION STORY

Baptism



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And you were dead in your trespasses and sins² in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.

Eph. 2:1-2, CSB

We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,

Eph. 2:3-4, CSB

made us alive with Christ even though we were
dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!
He also raised us up with him and seated us
with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,

Eph. 2:5-6, CSB

so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—

Eph. 2:7-8, CSB

not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Eph. 2:7-8, CSB

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The World

The Flesh

The Devil

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The point Paul makes here...is that believers are with Christ, and so if they are with him, then they will share his current status and situation. Since Christ was indeed raised from the dead,

if we are then with him, we share that resurrection status (see Col 2:12; 3:1). The reality of the resurrection life does not begin at Christ's second coming, it is occurring right now. [...]

Now in Christ we have all we need for living a holy life in the power of the Spirit, but yet to come is the resurrected body and new heavens and earth.

- Lynn Cohick, PhD.

The new life that God gives is nothing less than union with Christ.

- Stephen E. Fowl
(Ephesians: A Commentary)

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