

## **Ephesians**

### **The Church: Christ's Body to a Broken World**

#### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

### **1. The UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH**

**Ephesians 2:1–3 (ESV)** — *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

#### ➤ **Mankind's CONDITION**

**Ephesians 2:1–2a (ESV)**  
*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked ...*

**1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV)**  
*The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

- **Trespasses – means to slip, fall, stumble, deviate, or go the wrong way.**
- **Sins – means missing the mark, falling short of any goal, standard, or purpose.**

#### ➤ **Mankind's COMPLIANCE**

**Ephesians 2:2 (ESV)**  
*In which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience*

***This is the outlook and mentality of an evil system that views life without God.***

**1 John 2:15–16 (ESV)**  
*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.*

*... following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience ...*

***This is structure of evil spirits working in unbelievers under the rule of Satan.***

**1 John 5:19 (ESV)**  
*We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

**Ephesians 2:12 (ESV)**  
*Remember that you were ... separated from Christ, ... having no hope and without God in the world.*

**2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV)**  
*In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of*

*the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

➤ ***Mankind's CORRUPTION***

*Ephesians 2:3a (ESV)*

*Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind ...*

***Every human has a sinful nature that passionately pursues life outside God's rule.***

*1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (ESV)*

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

➤ ***Mankind's CONDEMNATION***

*Ephesians 2:3b (ESV)*

*... and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

***The word translated wrath means divine punishment based on God's angry judgment against someone.***

*John 3:36 (ESV)*

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

*Romans 5:1 (ESV)*

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## ***2. The UNCONDITIONAL LOVE***

*Ephesians 2:4–7 (ESV) — But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

➤ ***God's PASSION***

*Ephesians 2:4 (ESV) — But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us*

# ***BUT GOD!***

***The world is not getting better... BUT GOD!***

***People are not becoming better... BUT GOD!***

***This world will always have wars... BUT GOD!***

***Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of wars... BUT GOD!***

***Jesus said, "In this life you will have tribulations" ... BUT GOD!***

➤ **God's PROMISE**

**Ephesians 2:5 (ESV)**

**Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**

**Genesis 3:14–15 (ESV) — The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this ... I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”**

➤ **God's POWER**

**Ephesians 2:6 (ESV)**

**And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

**Ephesians 1:20–23 (ESV)**

**That he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

➤ **God's PROVISION**

**Ephesians 2:7 (ESV)**

**So that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

**2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)**

**His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,**

**3. The UNMERITED GRACE**

**Ephesians 2:8–10 (ESV) — 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

➤ **The CAUSE of Our Salvation**

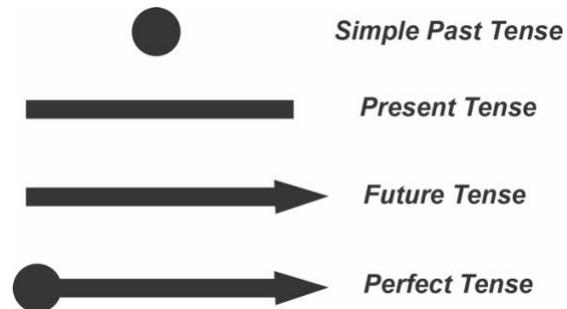
**Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV)**

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➤ **The COMPLETENESS of Our Salvation**

**Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)**

**For by grace YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED through faith.**



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will be saved through faith.”***

➤ ***The CONDITION for Our Salvation***

***Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)  
For by grace you have been saved THROUGH FAITH.***

***Romans 1:17 (ESV)  
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for  
faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”***

***Romans 3:28 (ESV)  
For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of  
the law.***

***Romans 5:1–2 (ESV)  
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have  
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through  
him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in  
which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.***

***Romans 10:17 (ESV)  
So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word  
of Christ.***

***Philippians 3:9 (ESV)  
And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own  
that comes from the law, but that which comes through  
faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on  
faith***

***Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)  
And without faith it is impossible to please him, for  
whoever would draw near to God must believe that he  
exists and that he rewards those who seek him.***

➤ ***The CONFIRMATION of Our Salvation***

***Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)  
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for  
good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we  
should walk in them.***

***The grace that saves you **WITHOUT WORKS** is the  
same grace that confirms you are saved **THROUGH  
WORKS*****

***John 15:8 (ESV)  
By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and  
so prove to be my disciples.***

***James 2:17–19 (ESV)  
So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But  
someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show  
me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you  
my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do  
well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!***

***James 2:26 (ESV)  
For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith  
apart from works is dead.***

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