

**The Individual Believer's Position in Christ**  
**Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Introduction:** The first thing I did when I got the keys to our house was to go in and take pictures of every room. I often look back at those pictures as a way of appreciating the difference between then and now. Sometimes we tend to forget or appreciate the present until we look back to the past. Our passage this morning does just that in relation to our present position in Christ.

**I. Who we were (2:1-3)**

A. The past reality

1. Our past position (1)
2. Our past manner of life (2)
3. Our past activity of life (3a-b)

B. The past result (3c)

**II. Who we are (2:4-6)**

- A. The provision (4)
- B. The process (5)
- C. The position (6)

**III. Who we will be (2:7-10)**

- A. The purpose (7)
- B. The process (8-10)

**Conclusion:** This passage should both encourage and motivate us as believers. It should encourage us to see who we were vs. who we are, but it should also motivate us to live for Him in light of who we will be!

**Questions for discussion/application**

- What are the differences described between who we “were” and who we now “are”?
- What is the significance of the negated subjunctive voice verb “boast” in v. 9? (hint: subjunctive means a possibility- so what is the significance of a negated possibility? “*So that no one would even have the possibility of boasting*”)
- Is it possible for a believer to “walk according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air? Is it possible for a believer to live in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind? What Scriptures would you use to prove your answer?
- To whom are the “surpassing riches of His grace...” being shown in v. 7?
- Does v. 10 guarantee good works in a believer’s life?