

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:10) July 05, 2026

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Preparing with God: “The Course of This World” vs “The Way of the Household of God”

Intro: Every day we wake up, roll out of bed, throw ourselves together and start moving. How many times do we stop and **ponder** the path of our feet (Prov. 4:26)?

“**Ponder** the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.” (Prov. 4:26-27)

Today in Ephesians 2 we are going to examine two paths – one we used to walk and one we’ve been called to walk. As we do, ask yourself what ways are being established in your life? In your family, in your children? The world is full of ways: there’s only one that leads to victory and eternal life.

Explain how we will cover Ephesians this summer and the vision for 2026 – this book is FOR you and TO you.

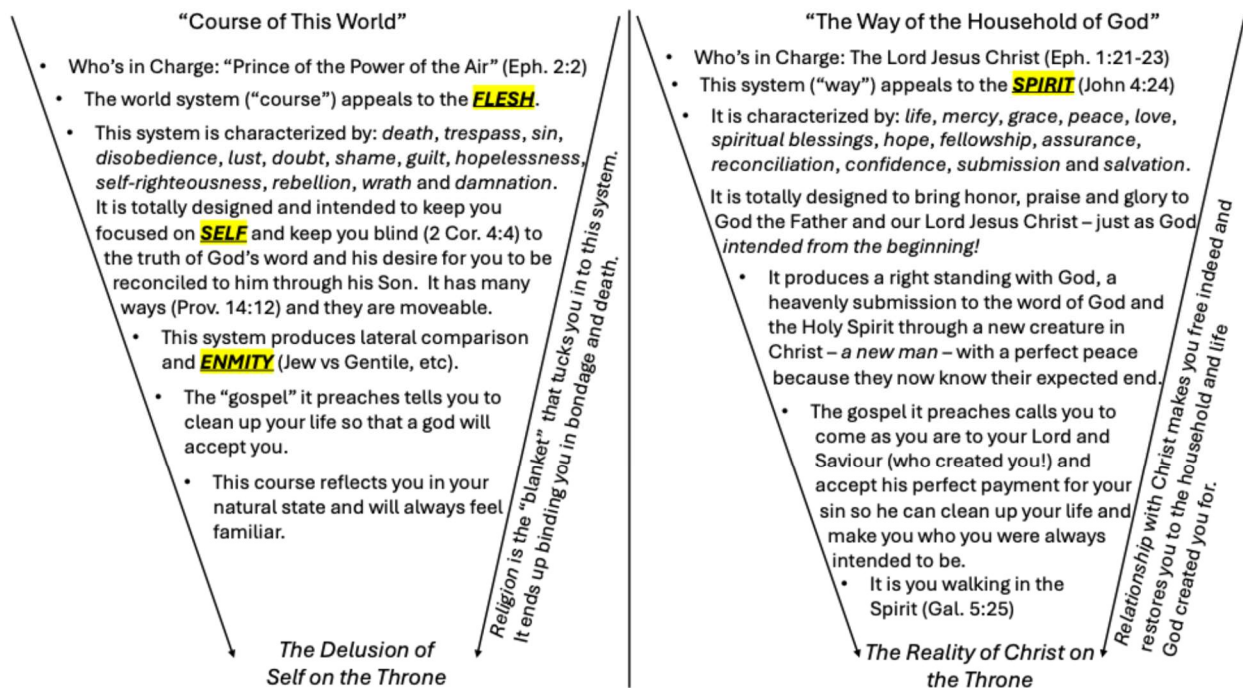
[Eph. 2:19] → PRAY

Devotional Application: Eph. 4:1-3

*Eph. 1 - This book reveals that our daily lifestyle **REFLECTS** our heart attitude toward and understanding of all we have received when we were placed in Christ as His body and His bride. This is called the “conversation of your life.”*

Chapter 2

1. Don’t Forget “Where You Came From” and What You Have Become (Eph. 2:1-5)(Eph. 1:20-23) Focus on Christ



“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;” (Eph. 2:19)

2. Putting Us on "Full Display" (Eph. 2:6-7) "The Undertone," ...leading up to Eph. 3

Is. 14:12-14; Ez. 28:11-16 – *Satan gets fired*

Gen. 2:7; Lu. 3:38 – *God plays in the dirt and Satan gets replaced*

Job 4:17-21 – *"Shall mortal man be more just than God?...houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?... "they perish for ever without any regarding it...they die, even without wisdom."*

Lu. 14:11 – *For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

Rev. 12:10 – *"Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."*

3. The Way of **GRACE** (Eph. 2:8-9)

Rom. 6:23 – gifts are offered FREELY and must be ACCEPTED or REJECTED

Rom. 5:15-18 – it's a free gift!

Look, I took you from dirt and breathed life into you (Gen. 2:7). You rebelled against me and you have a terminal disease called SIN that will cause you to die. You don't have the cure to that disease – I do – and I am offering it to you freely in the death, burial and resurrection of my Son. How messed up is it that the "dirtballs" think they could fix their own sin problem and make themselves right with me?

4. Created for his **WORK** (Eph. 2:10-18)

- i. No more "us" and "them" (v. 11-15)
- ii. We are accepted for one reason: the blood has already been **APPLIED** (v. 13)
- iii. Only the cross can reconcile – nothing else (v. 16)
- iv. We have 24/7/365 access (v. 18)

5. Stones in **HIS** House (Eph. 2:19-22)

1 Pet. 2:5 – *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Key Take: This book reveals that our daily lifestyle **REFLECTS** our heart attitude toward and understanding of our position in the household of God by the blood of Jesus Christ.