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Church

# Ephesians 2:1-7

## Made Alive in Christ

### SUMMARY

In this letter, Paul explains the wonderful things that we have received through Christ and refers to the church as a body to illustrate unity of purpose and show how each individual member is a part that must work together with all the other parts. In our own life, we should work eradicate all backbiting, gossip, criticism, jealousy, anger, and bitterness, because these are barricades to unity in the church.

#### Ephesians chapter 2

Immediately after his prayer in chapter one, Paul reminds the Ephesians of the reality of personal sin. Like them, we must never forget our past, the condition from which Jesus saved us. Those memories are the best fuel for our gratitude to Christ for all he has done for in our behalf.

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#### Memory Verse: Ephesian 2:4-5

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

Ephesians 2:1-7 (translation: NIV)

**2** 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<sup>(a)</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <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.

#### 1. The ways of the Flesh lead to separation with God

vs 1-3

- Desires of the heart are sinful by nature
- Everyone is like this, there is not one who is not sinful by nature
- We have no options of pardoning our own sin, this is not something we can work really hard at and ever achieve
- Satan is active today, **ref. vs 2**
- We are all deserving of judgement for our personal sin against God
- We were dead in our transgressions and sins
- This is a grim picture, to be sure, of our status before God

#### 2. He made us Alive in Christ

vs 4-5

- Christ provides hope and salvation
- We can receive **Grace** from the judgement we have earned through accepting Christ and the work he completed on the cross
- We are Loved by God, **ref. vs 4** "...because of his great love for us..."
- We need to be rooted in the same **Love & Mercy** as God demonstrates
- This is a transformation!

#### 3. Our Rising to be seated with Him

vs 6-7

- It is God who raises us up and makes a place for us with Christ.
- Through accepting Christ, we are pardoned from our judgement of death, but not only that, we are raised to be with him
- The words of the Bible are transforming, a spiritual rebirth and a renewal
- Verse 7 states that our being seated with him is an exclamation of God's grace. We should be grateful, remembering the work Gd did to save us, living a life of gratitude, both for Him, and for others to see.