

And You...But God

Ephesians 2

And You

Notice: You (Gentiles); We also (Jews)

In the Devil

1. Dead
2. Self-indulgent, living like the rest of the world
3. Children of wrath
4. Spirit of disobedience

Formerly

1. 2:2 – Walked according to the course of this world
2. 2:3 – Lived in lust and pleasures
3. 2:11 – Outsiders
4. 2:13 – Afar off

Things About Gentiles Before Christ (Eph. 2)

1. Uncircumcision
2. Separate from Christ (dead – 2:1)
3. Excluded from commonwealth of Israel
4. Strangers to the covenants of promise
5. Having no hope
6. Without God in the world
7. Afar off

But God

Rich in mercy (2:4); because of His great love (2:5); GRACE, GRACE, GRACE (2:5,7-8)

In Christ, In the HP

1. Made us alive
2. Seated us with Christ in the heavenly places
3. Saved us from wrath
4. Holy Spirit of God, making a new creation prepared for good works.

Now

1. Walking in a manner worthy of Christ
2. Living in the Spirit and for Christ.
3. Fellow citizens, members of God's house, joint heirs
4. Brought near by the blood of Christ, given access to the Father by the Holy Spirit

Blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14)

1. Chosen
2. Adoption
3. Redemption
4. Forgiven
5. Made to know
6. Inheritance
7. Sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise

The book of Ephesians can be divided into two sections under one theme.

"Walk worthy of the calling" (4:1)

- **Chapters 1-3 are the "calling,"** showing that God brought all things in heaven and on earth together in Christ and that Jews and Gentiles are all brought near by the precious blood of Christ. This section begins and ends with glorifying God for what He has accomplished in Christ (1:3; 3:21).
- **Chapters 4-6 are the "walk worthy" section,** which begins with a "therefore" in 4:1. Considering all that God has done for us, and how He has redeemed people from all backgrounds and brought them into the same body with the blood of Christ and by the Holy Spirit, there is a responsibility on our part, both individually and collectively.
 - The last few verses of Ephesians end where it began, that "grace" and "peace" come to us through the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The 5 Walks of Ephesians

1. Walk worthy (4:1)
2. Walk differently (4:17)
3. Walk in love (5:2)
4. Walk in light (5:8)
5. Walk in carefully in wisdom (5:15)

Ephesians 1:4

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, ***that we would be holy and blameless before Him.***

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would ***walk*** in them.