

## Ephesians 2

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(Ephesians means permitted)

**2** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (quickened= made alive) (dead- spiritually dead) (Through repentance we are made spiritually alive again)

<sup>2</sup> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: (course = eon – a long period of time) (This is Satan – the prince of the air – of nothingness) (The children of disobedience – Cain and his descendants – the Kenites)

Jeremiah-1:5 (Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. God chose Jeremiah in the First Age to be a prophet in this Age)

<sup>3</sup> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. (This life is a test for all of us – whether we will follow God and live a good honest life; or whether we will follow the evil ways of this world and its lusts – sex, money, perversion, power over others, etc)

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, (mercy = unmerited favor)

<sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by whose grace ye are saved;) (God came to us as Jesus <the Savior> to grant salvation to all who repent and follow Him and His Ten Commandments. By coming to us in the flesh, Jesus showed us how to live a perfect life) (We are saved by the grace of God)

<sup>6</sup> And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (God, as Jesus, is our arbitrator in Heaven, and God's Holy Spirit gives us comfort today)

<sup>7</sup> That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. (In the coming Millennium, and then in the Third Age – the eternity)

<sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (We have no chance of saving ourselves. Only God can save us)

<sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Not by anything that we do)

<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (By becoming servants of Jesus, as Christians, we can use God's power to help save others, by teaching them God's Word)

<sup>11</sup> Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; (We need to remember where we came from. We are all sinners, and need to give others the same chance for salvation that Jesus gave us)

<sup>12</sup> That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: (Before Jesus, salvation was only made available to Israelites)

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (After the crucifixion, Jesus went to "the prisoners" who had died previously, and saved all who accepted Him. Today, salvation is open to anyone who accepts Jesus and repents for their sins) 1Peter-3:19

<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (Jesus broke down the wall between Jews and Gentiles – if we believe in Him – through Christianity)

<sup>15</sup> Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (Jesus fulfilled the blood ordinances forever. The Law <the Ten Commandments> is still the law today. Ignorant preachers don't know the difference between the law, statutes and ordinances) (Jesus became the Passover Lamb; HE didn't abolish the Ten Commandments)

<sup>16</sup> And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

<sup>17</sup> And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. (Christianity is salvation and peace to all who believe upon Jesus, repent and live by the Ten Commandments)

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. (These are all offices of God; One God, many offices) (No need to have some priest act as intercessor between us and the Father; Jesus became our intercessor)

<sup>19</sup> Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; (We all become members of the Christian family)

<sup>20</sup> And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (The apostles and the prophets – the New Testament and the Old Testament. Those who only teach the New Testament are leaving out half of the story of God)

(Jesus answered almost all questions by saying – “Haven’t you read it?” HE was speaking of the Old Testament)

<sup>21</sup> In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (The temple is God and the Christians. It’s not about a building or some preacher’s ministry. There is only one church, under Jesus Christ)

<sup>22</sup> In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (God’s Holy Spirit lives in us)