

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

But God ... Grace, Mercy, Love
Ephesians 2:4–5

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Eph. 1:12, “that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Eph. 1:13, “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”

The Problem: What we were before we were saved, Eph. 2:1–3

The Solution: God's love and mercy, grace in action, regenerate, raise, and seat us positionally in Christ, Eph. 2:4–9

The Purpose: We are saved, created in Christ Jesus, for good works, Eph. 2:10

Last Week:

- 1. Review of key concepts**
- 2. What is spiritual death? And how does a spiritually dead person hear and understand the gospel? John 16:7–11**
- 3. What is our walk according to the course of the world?**
- 4. The unsaved Jews had the same walk, Eph. 2:3.**

Eph. 2:11, “Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

Eph. 2:12, “that at that time you 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.

Eph. 2:13, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

Eph. 2:1, “And **y’all** ... who were dead in trespasses and sins,

Eph. 2:2, “in which [sins] **y’all** once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Eph. 2:3, “among whom also **we** all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of **our** flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and [**we**] were by nature children of wrath, **just as the others.**”

Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **y’all should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,**

Eph. 4:18, “having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in **them, because of the blindness of **their** heart;**

Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given **themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”**

John 5:25, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.”

2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

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Equivalent to the thinking of the world system (*kosmic system*).

Arrogance toward God in two areas:

Autonomy: Independence from God.

Antagonism: Rejection and hostility toward God, His plan, and all believers.

All unbelievers are demon influenced.

Believers are demon influenced when thinking according to the world (human viewpoint) instead of the Word of God (divine viewpoint).

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Direct Demon Influence: Examples of Mormonism and Islam

Indirect Demon Influence: All human viewpoint philosophical systems, religions

- 1. Review of key concepts**
- 2. God's Love in three categories:
Rich in Mercy
Great Love
By Grace**
- 3. Made alive together with Christ**

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Eph. 2:7, “that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

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Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”

1 Pet. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

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John 3:16, “For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” ~NET

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 John 4:9, “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

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1 John 4:11, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

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Col. 2:13, “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having [because He had] forgiven you all trespasses,

Col. 2:14, “having [when He] wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”