

1  Ephesians Study

Men of Grace

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2  Ephesians - Quick Overview

1:1-2 INTRODUCTORY GREETINGS

1:3-3:21 OUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

1:3-2:10 **New People** by God's grace

2:11-3:21 **New Community** through the cross

4:1-6:20 OUR NEW LIFESTYLE

4:1-5:21 **New Standards** of morality

5:22-6:9 **New Relationships** in the family

6:10-20 **New Armor** to fight the devil

6:21-24 FINAL GREETINGS

3  Ephesians 2:1-10

I. "And You" (v. 1-3)

Life without God

II. "But God" (v. 4-10)

Life with God in Christ

4  "And You": Life Before God

1. DEAD

- In trespasses and sins in which you once walked

2. ENSLAVED

- Following the age of this world
- Following the prince of the power of the air
- Carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind

3. CONDEMNED

- By nature children of wrath

5  "But God": Life with God in Christ

GOD'S MOTIVATION

- His mercy and love

GOD'S ACTIONS

- Made us alive with Christ
- Raised us with Christ
- Seated us with Christ in the heavenly places

GOD'S PURPOSE

- To show us the riches of his kindness in the future

6  The Heart of the Gospel

I. GOD'S SAVED ONES

"By grace you have been saved through faith"

- Not a result of works

II. GOD'S WORKMANSHIP

- Created in Christ for good works

7  Ephesians 2:1-10

Discussion Question:

- ☐ *What are the key identity issues that drive most men you know today?*
- ☐ *If you lived out of a true sense of your identity in Christ described in Ephesians 2:1-10, how would it specifically affect the way you go about your job? your marriage? your parenting? your use of time?*
- ☐ *Who are the good role models in your life who are living this out in the world, and how do they do it?*

8  Thank You

1 And you
being dead in your trespasses and sins
2 in which you once walked
according to the age of this world
according to the ruler of the kingdom of the air
(of) the spirit now working in the sons of disobedience
3 among whom also we all conducted ourselves once
in the passions of our flesh
doing the will of the flesh and the mind
and we were by nature children of wrath just like everyone else
4 But God
being rich in mercy
on account of his great love with which he loved us
5 (while we were dead in our transgressions)
made-us-alive-together-with Christ
—by grace you have been saved—
6 and raised-us-with and seated-us-with Christ Jesus in the heavenly places
7 so that
he might show in the coming ages the surpassing riches
of his grace in kindness towards us in JC

8 for

by grace you have been saved through faith
and this is not of yourselves—it is a gift of God

9

not from works
so that
no one can boast

10 for

we are God's workmanship
created in Christ Jesus for good works
which God prepared in advance
that we should walk in them