

## EPHESIANS 2:4-6

## BUT GOD

We have a message to the world. The world has problems and the solution is that each person needs to know the truth about man. One needs to know that he is in sin without the grace of God. When we understand this, we can understand why there are wars, murders, theft, etc. The world will continue to be this way. To expect Christian conduct from non believers is ludicrous. There is only one hope for man. He needs to be regenerated. The message is that people can be delivered out of this present evil world. Our hope is not in this world. This world is wretched, confused, unhappy, and frustrated. But God.....

What can be more wonderful than the way in which we see ourselves as we are in sin, we meet this blessed But God. In this text we see exactly what God has done for us. The essence of Christianity is found right here. This is what God does to us.

### 1. RICH IN MERCY

Plousias—overabounding, without measure, unlimited, wealthy  
Romans 11:32

### 2. GREAT LOVE

We fail on the one hand to realize the depth of sin and on the other hand, we fail to realize the height and glory of our salvation.  
John 15:13

### 3. REGENERATED

Zoopoieo—to cause to live, to make alive, to give life  
*Regenerated*—an act of God by which a principle of new life is implanted in man, and the governing disposition of the soul is made holy  
Rom 6:3-4

I no longer have my graveclothes, no longer in that realm.  
I have ceased to be dead. There is now a new disposition. It is a creative act of God.

### 4. RESURRECTED

#### A. NEGATIVE

1. No longer dead spiritually
2. No longer under the wrath of God  
Rom 4:25, God was satisfied with the offering. 8:1
3. Dead to the law  
We were all born under the law.  
Rom 7:2-6  
There is now no legal relationship, it's a personal relationship.
4. Dead to sin  
Rom 6:2,6  
We were dominated by sin.

#### B. POSITIVE

1. Alive unto God

This is having an entirely new attitude towards God.

Ps 42:1-2

It means to desire God. To draw near to Him to know Him better.

2. Walking in newness of life  
Eph 4:24, Rom 12:2
3. Manifestations of the new heart  
Create in me a clean heart
4. Exercise the will in a new direction  
It is now to please God. To desire to do His will.

## **5. IN THE HEAVENLIES**

1 Cor 12:2, Eph 1:3

### **A. NEGATIVE**

1. No longer belong to this world  
Gal 1:4, 1 John 5:4
2. No longer under the dominion of Satan  
2 Cor 4:4, Acts 26:18, 1 John 5:19
3. No longer under the wrath of God

### **B. POSITIVE**

1. We belong to the kingdom of God  
Phillipians 4:20, Col 1:13, 3:3
2. Under the control of the Holy Spirit  
Rom 8:14
3. God manifests Himself and His presence  
Rev 4:5
4. We know something of heaven in this world