

BEFORE AND AFTER Eph. 2

Introduction: Pictures of houses, before and after remodeling, etc.

I. BEFORE we were saved.

1. Our Walk, 2:2
 - A. According to the course of the world
 - B. According to the Prince of the power of the air.
 - C. As children of disobedience
2. Our manner of life, 2:3a
 - A. In the lusts of the flesh
 - B. Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind.
3. Our nature -- "Children of Wrath", 2:3b
4. Our Condition, 2:11
 - A. Gentiles
 - (1). Aliens from the commonwealth of Isr,
 - (2). Strangers from the covenant of promise
 - B. Christless
 - C. Hopeless
 - D. Godless

II. AFTER we were saved

1. We are made nigh, 2:13
 - A. Peace, v.14
 - B. No enmity, v.15
 - C. Reconciled, v.16
2. We are fellowcitizens, v.19
 - A. No more strangers and foreigners
 - B. In God's household
3. We are fellowheirs, 3:6
 - A. Of the same body
 - B. Partakers of his promise
4. We are made alive, 2:5
5. We are raised up together to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 2:6
6. Prospect for the future, 2:7

III. How the Change Occurs

1. "But God", 2:4

- A. His mercy
- B. His love
- C. His grace, 2:8
- D. His gift

2. Through Christ, 2:13

- A. Expression "in Christ": 2:13
- B. By His blood

C. By His Cross, 2:16

3. The Holy Spirit, 2:18, 22.

4. Our Part? Faith alone, 2:8

IV. What Then?

1. Those who have not yet experienced this change should at once commit their entire being to Christ.

2. Christians should

- A. Possess their possessions, 3:16-21
- B. Grow into maturity, 4:12-16
- C. Redeem the time, 5:16

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