

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, 2:12.

(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

4. 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"
 - 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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