

Easy As 1-2-3



Ephesians 2:1-10 ¹

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Overall Understanding

Ephesians 1: 2:1-10 ²

Let's begin by reviewing what Paul has listed so far.

- vs. 2 We have grace from God.
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- vs. 3 We have every spiritual blessing.
- vs. 4 We are chosen to be holy before Him.
- vs. 4 We are chosen to be without blame before Him.
- vs. 5 We are His children.
- vs. 6 We are accepted, highly favored.
- vs. 7 We have redemption/the forgiveness of sins.
- vs. 8 He made the riches of His grace superabound toward us.
- vs. 9 He made known the knowledge of the mystery of His will.
- vs. 11 We have obtained an inheritance.
- vs. 12 He predestined that we should be to the praise of His glory.
- vs. 13 We were sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- vs. 14 The Holy Spirit is the pledge of our ultimate redemption.
- vs. 15 Our faith in Jesus and love for each other are evidence that we are born again.

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- vs. 16 We have the honor of giving thanks to God for the faith and love evidenced in the lives of other believers.
- vs. 17 It is appropriate to ask for a spirit of wisdom and revelation of what God accomplished for us in Christ and to pray that God will give it to others.
- vs. 18 It is good to ask for our heart and for the hearts of others to have divine illumination to know what is the hope of His calling, and to know what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
- vs. 19 His power toward us is surpassingly great.
- vs. 20 It is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.
- vs. 21 He is seated far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named now and forever more.
- vs. 2:6 (coming up) AND amazingly, WE ARE SEATED WITH HIM!!!
- vs. 22 All things are under our Savior's feet.
- vs. 22 God made him the head over the church. Jesus is God's blessing to us.
- vs. 23 And we are His body. We are the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Now, let us continue to glory in the superabundant ways we have been blessed by our God through Jesus Christ. Paul uses a before-and-after presentation.

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

Before we put our faith in Jesus, we were dead in trespasses and sins. Now, we are alive and free from sin.

<p>We were dead. Now we are alive.</p>

²in which you 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,

<p>We were sons of disobedience. The devil worked in us. We followed the lust of our flesh and mind. We were children of wrath. All of these are in the past tense. We were dead in trespasses.</p>
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The devil now works in the sons of disobedience—in those who do not believe. This is why there is so much evil in the world. They are the walking dead and without God in the world.

³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the

flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Those who do not believe are by nature children of wrath. They fulfill the desire of the flesh and mind. Before salvation, this is true of all. All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

"But God," changed everything. He is abounding in mercy. Mercy means he withholds judgment even when judgment is due. If God were currently judging people for their sins, few would remain standing. This amazing truth is often overlooked and substituted instead for the wrath of God evident before Christ came to earth and the New Covenant was established.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

*Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, **not imputing their trespasses to them**, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

God is not angry with the world, even though they are dead and in sin. He is not imputing their trespasses to them. Instead, He has given us the ministry of reconciliation, which says, "Be reconciled to God." This does not mean all are reconciled. It means God has reconciled Himself with man through Christ. Individuals must then reconcile themselves to God by believing in His Son.

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Notice it says we "were" dead in sin. We are no longer dead. He made us alive with Him.

"By grace you have been saved," here seems a bit out of place, but it is almost like Paul can't wait to get to the point.

Because of His great love with which He loved us, He made us alive with Christ. We were saved by grace. He raised us up, made us sit in heavenly places with Christ.

⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

We are no longer dead. We have been risen with Christ. Not only that, we are seated with Him in heaven.

⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

He is showing the exceeding riches of His grace. We deserved wrath, but instead He shows us kindness.

“The ages to come” refers to an endless future, forever. Forever God will be showing the exceeding: surpassing riches, wealth, bestowment of His grace/favor/graciousness in His kindness (gentleness, moral excellence, goodness) toward us.

Do you think of God as being a benevolent force in your life or as someone who is constantly hunting you down to point out your failures? God’s actions toward us are kind, good, full of mercy and grace. His Son has paid for our sins, and now we are alive and in line for His blessings, which He will demonstrate forevermore. He is not holding our sins against us. He is pouring out His kindness and grace.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For by the grace of God, we have been saved through faith in Jesus. We cannot brag about that. It isn’t anything good in us, for all have sinned. He has extended this salvation at the cost of His Son as a gift. It is not by following the law or doing good works.

We deserved wrath but instead He saved us by His grace. All we did was believe. It is a gift. Before we were without God.

This is so that no one can boast. You cannot boast about a gift, but rather the gift giver.

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not 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,⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ that having been **justified by His grace** we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The emphasis here is on “His.” We are HIS workmanship. No one can take credit for their salvation. We are new creations in Him, not BY good works but FOR good works. We do good because **He** has made us righteous, not in order to become righteous.

In the Detailed Study Notes, there is a discussion about what “good works” are. I have also written a book entitled [Every Deed: Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works](#). If you want to have a full understanding of what good works are and why we do them, you will love this book. Simply follow the link in the title if you want to know more about the book.

Also, [HERE](#) is an inspirational video from this chapter.

Coming Up in Chapter 2

In the rest of Chapter 2, Paul continues to enumerate the marvels of what Jesus has accomplished.