



Under New Management

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¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world

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and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

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3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.

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Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

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**5 made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead in
transgressions-it is by grace
you have been saved.**

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6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

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7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

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8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-

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9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What we once were

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We were once a) dead to sin, and all of us once lived:(2:1)

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influenced by Satan (2:2)

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Controlled by lust (2:3a)

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under God's wrath (2:3b)

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pagans without God (2:11)

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separated from Christ (2:12a) and

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people without hope in this present world (2:12b) All are the domino effect of being under the rule of Satan.

v12 Remember, that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.



What God Did? (2:4-6)

1. He loved us (v4).

2. He liberated us. (v5)

3. He lifted us. (v6)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Why did God did it?

7) in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.



How God Did It? (2:8-9, 13)

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Through his special favor (2:8a) says 8) For it is by grace.

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Through faith 8) For it is by grace you have been saved through faith – this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

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Through his blood in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. C1.7) In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

**C1.3) Praise be to God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us
in the heavenly realms with every
spiritual blessing in Christ.**

**C1.4) For he chose us in him before
the creation of the world to be holy
and blameless in his sight.**

C1.5) In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will –

C1.6) to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

What we are now? (2:10)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The word "workmanship" came from the Greek "poiema" (workmanship) that we get poem, a piece of literary workmanship.

Conclusion

The contrast is complete. It is a contrast between two lifestyles (evil and good), and behind them two masters (the devil and God).

What could possibly have effected such a change? - a new creation by the grace and power of God.

v19) Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers , but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,
(v20) built on the foundations of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone.

**v21) In him the whole building is
joined together and rises to become
a holy temple in the Lord,**

**v22) And in him you too are being
built together to become a dwelling
in which God lives by the Spirit.**

Application

1. Are you in Christ? Are you a new creation? If not, put your trust in Christ today.

2. If you are in Christ, are you doing those good works which God prepared beforehand for you to do? Are you active in serving Christ? If not, start doing so today.

Prayer of Surrender/Salvation

"Jesus, thank you for the cross. I am so sorry. I have hurt you. I repent of my sins and ask you to forgive me. Cleanse me with your blood and restore me into your love. I confess that you are my Lord and Saviour. Fill me with the Holy Spirit and lead me each day. I surrender to your perfect will in my life from this day forward. I love you, Jesus. Thank you for your love. You are my Saviour, my Healer, my Baptizer of the Holy Spirit, and my Coming King. Come Lord, Jesus, come! Amen!"