

Ephesians 2 Summarized

Sentences

2:1-3, and you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in 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, among 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.

2:4-7, but God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2:8-9, for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

2:10, for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

2:11-12, therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

2:13, but now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14-16, for He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

2:17, and He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

2:18, for through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

2:19-22, now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Paragraphs

2:1-10, Jewish and Gentile believers used to be dead in their sins, walking after Satan, the one with sway over this world and everyone who disobeys God, who were by nature sinful and therefore pursued every wicked desire thus meriting God's wrath. But God saved us by grace through simple faith because of His endless love, mercy, and kindness toward us who reside in His Son. That is, He gave us His Son's life, resurrection, and position—without working for it at all; it was His gift—so that we, who have been forever placed in His Son, would walk after the good works He prepared for us.

2:11-13, Gentile believers should remember that Israel used to see a giant chasm between them and Gentiles because they had absolutely no access to their Christ/Messiah or God's promised blessings. Thus, Gentiles were without hope and without God in this world. But now in Christ, they, who used to be so far away, have been brought near by the blood of Israel's Christ/Messiah.

2:14-18, Jesus brought peace between Jewish and Gentile believers. That is, through His death on the cross He removed the animosity that existed between them—which was mandated by the Mosaic Law—so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, reconciling them both to God in one Body. Jesus effectively preached peace to Gentiles who were far away and Jews who were nearer to God. Through Jesus, they both have access by one Spirit to God the Father.

2:19-22, therefore, Gentiles believers are no longer considered foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's family, ones who've been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building is fitted together into a holy temple in the Lord and in whom Gentile believers are also being built together for a dwelling place of God by means of the Spirit.

Whole Chapter

Jewish and Gentile believers used to be dead in sin, walking in all manner of sin, following after Satan, the Pied Piper of this world's disobedient and wicked behavior. But God, who is rich in mercy and love, when we were dead in sin, saved us by grace, never once asking anything from us except simple faith. That is, He gave us part of His Son's life, resurrection, and position so that we who are forever united to His Son would walk in the good works He prepared for us. Thus, Gentile believers should remember that they were once completely alienated from God's people Israel, God and Christ. But now in Christ, they've been brought near by the blood of His Son. For Jesus is their peace, He's brought Jewish and Gentile believers together in Himself creating one new man from the two, reconciling them both to God in one Body. This gave them both access to God the Father by one Spirit. Therefore, Gentile believers are no longer strangers but members of God's family who've been built on the foundation whose chief cornerstone is Jesus Christ, in whom they are both being built together into a holy temple as a dwelling place for God by means of His Spirit.