

## **EPHESIANS: A Study by Bill Jones**

Rising up alive through Christ, Walking daily as one in Christ, Standing firm with the power of Christ.

### **Ephesians Chapter 2**

#### **I. Dead and buried in sin and transgressions**

##### **A. Dead: Originally dead in our sins, born sinners in Adam**

(Ephesians 2:1, Romans 6:23, James 2:26, Isaiah 59:2)

##### **B. Deceived: Followed ways of world (Ephesians 2:2)**

We are not of this world. (Romans 12:2, John 8:23, 17:14)

##### **C. Disobedient: Ruled by Satan (Ephesians 2:2)**

##### **D. Depraved: Gratifying the flesh, desires and cravings of our sinful nature (Ephesians 2:3)**

##### **E. Doomed: Objects of God's wrath (Ephesians 2:3)**

#### **II. Raised up alive in Christ**

##### **A. Rich in God's love and mercy (Ephesians 2:4)**

##### **B. Restored and made alive by grace even while dead in sin**

(Ephesians 2:5)

##### **C. Raised with Christ (Ephesians 2:6)**

##### **D. Right hand--Seated with Christ at right hand of God**

(Ephesians 2:6)

##### **E. Reveal to us God's grace and kindness (Ephesians 2:7)**

##### **F. Rescued--God has done everything in Christ, He has done it all**

(Ephesians 2:8)

##### **G. Resting in Him since we have done nothing; totally, utterly dependent on Jesus**

(Ephesians 2:9)

##### **H. Revitalized--Created in Jesus to good works, all to the exaltation of Jesus**

(Ephesians 2:10)

#### **III. Made one in Christ**

##### **A. Formerly uncircumcised Gentile sinners by birth (Ephesians 2:11)**

**B. Separate from Christ, excluded from Kingdom of Israel and God**  
(Ephesians 2:12)

**C. Unified in the blood of Christ** (Ephesians 1:13)

**D. Jesus is the peace between Jew and Gentile knocking down the wall between the inner and outer courts of the temple**  
(Ephesians 2:14)

**E. Abolish the law and bring reconciliation in His body through the cross which put to death hostility** (Ephesians 2:15-16)

**F. Peace between all of us and the Father through the one Holy Spirit** (Ephesians 2:17-18)

In Christ we are no longer under the law but under grace. The righteousness of the law, revealing God's holiness, is still God's standard, but this is fulfilled in the believer by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:21)

To contrast the old position of the Gentiles with their new position points out how wonderfully Christ worked on their behalf on the cross:

**Old Position**

**New Position**

Without Christ

In Christ (Ephesians 2:13)

Aliens

A holy nation (1 Peter 2:9)

Strangers

No more strangers (Ephesians 2:19)

No Hope

Called in one hope (Ephesians 4:4)

Without God

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:3)

No access to God

Open access to God (Romans 5:1-2)

(Ephesians 2:12)

**IV. Raised and built together into a new holy temple**

**A. Now fellow citizens with God's people Israel and members of God's Kingdom/household** (Ephesians 2:19)

**B. Foundation of apostles and prophets** (Ephesians 2:20)

**C. Christ as cornerstone** (Ephesians 2:20)

**D. The whole building is held together by Christ Jesus**  
(Ephesians 2:21)

**E. This new temple is now the dwelling place of God by the Holy Spirit within us** (Ephesians 2:22)