

EPHESIANS – Chapters 1-3 - The believer's wealth in Christ



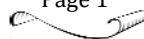
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The opening chapter of Ephesians took us back in time to the great counsels of God. The text revealed how he purposed, from eternity past, to make a way _____ for all peoples to be holy and blameless before him in love. Chapter one also detailed the spiritual blessings of all believers, and that grasping the depth of these blessings are a matter of prayer. We have Christ for our head and we constitute his body.

As we enter chapter two we learn that the same power that raised Christ from the dead has also raised us from the dead and put us in heavenly places. As we study today's text we will be reminded of our _____ without Christ, our _____ state of salvation, and our _____ security.

EPHESIANS 2:1-7 – Riches in mercy and grace

1. Our _____ condemnation – Ephesians 2:1-3
 - We were dead _____ trespasses and sins – Ro. 5:12, 15-18; 1 Co. 15:22a; Gen. 1:26; 2:16-17; 3:6; 5:3
 - We walked according to the _____ of this world – Colossians 2:8
 - We walked according to the _____ of the power of the air – Dan. 9:26; Lu. 4:5-6; Jo. 12:31
 - We were children of _____ – Matthew 7:21-29; John 8:44
 - We had our conversation in times past in the _____ of our flesh – Ro. 13:13-14; Col. 3:5-9
 - We fulfilled the _____ of the flesh and mind – Ro. 1:21-32; 8:5-7; 1 Co. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21
 - We were by nature the children of _____ – John 16:8-11



2. Our _____ condition – Ephesians 2:4-6
- We are greatly _____ by God – John 3:16; 1 John 4:16

 - He quickened us _____ with Christ – 1 Corinthians 15:22b

 - Raised us up _____ with Christ – Galatians 2:20

 - Made us sit _____ in heavenly places in Christ Jesus – Ephesians 1:3, 20; 3:10
3. Our _____ compensation – Ephesians 2:7
- The exceeding riches of his _____

 - His _____ toward us through Christ Jesus