

EPHESIANS – CHAPTER 2

Vs 1–2 TRUTH behind the statement

DEPRAVITY – TOTAL (?) Depravity

1. “Depravity” is a theological, rather than a Biblical word.
(like “Trinity”)

It refers to that which God sees when He looks at fallen man and not what man sees when he looks at himself, or his fellow, fallen men.

It does not mean that there is nothing good in any unregenerate person, as seen by himself or by other people; it means that there is nothing in fallen man which God can find pleasure in or accept.

Eph 2:12–13 Gentiles who lived between Adam and Christ were doomed souls.

2. Declarations of man’s condition:

- a. pre-flood Gen 6:5
- b. David Ps 51:5; 58:3
- c. Job Job 14:4

3. Four sweeping declarations concerning man’s natural condition:

Rom 3:10–18

Gal 5:19–21

Eph 2:1–3

Rom 5:12–21

Jer 17:9

7. Also note: Rom 3:19; 5:10; 1Cor2:14; 2Cor 4:3–4

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What does Gen 2:15–17 say?

How does Eph 2:1 fit?
Rom 3:10–18 describes what?
Does Rom 3:23 and Rom 5:12–14 fit the description?
Why are Adam's children lost?
How lost are they?

NOTE: THAT THE OBJECT IS YOU.

YOU GOD MADE ALIVE (VS 4–5)

Vs 2 Your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked

Walked according to the course of this world
Walked according to the prince of the power of the air – he is the
spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience
Jn 12:31; 14:30; Eph 6:11–12; 1 Pet 5:8

In short: in this environment you moved about freely, feeling
perfectly at home.

Vs 3 Among them we also (too) all formerly lived Col 1:21

lived in the lusts of the flesh Jas 1:14–15; 4:1–2

lived in the lusts of the mind

by nature were no different than them Rom 5:15,17,19
(by nature – dead in sin, children of wrath)
all descendants of Adam Jn 3:36

This is true of you, we, the rest

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Vs 4–5 But God made us alive – dead in sin; alive together with

Christ – by grace

God was the One rich in mercy

because of His great love

He loved us Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:10; Rom 5:8; 1Jn 3:1

NOTE: Merit is not even a part of the discussion.

(the riches of His mercy
the greatness of His love
the character of His grace)

Vs 6 made alive, raised up, seated with Him
with Christ we have been:

1. tried, condemned, crucified, buried
Rom 6:3-8; Col 2:13-15

2. made alive, raised, seated
Rom 8:17; 2Tim 2:11-13; Col 3:1-4; Rev 20:4-6

3. (More than Conquerors)

Vs 7 so that it will result "to the praise of His glory."

Throughout eternity the saved will be exhibits of the grace of God-
A love for these unworthy that He gave His eternal Son to purchase.

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Vs 8-9 Enlarges the statement made in verse 5.

In context, is Paul saying Grace was God's part and faith is ours – or are both gifts from God?

The responsibility of believing is ours – God does not believe for us. On the other hand, both the initiation and continuation of faith are entirely dependant upon God.

In short, “being saved by grace through faith is not of yourselves, but is the gift of God”.

Vs10 We are His handiwork, His product – Jn 3:3,5 – His new creation

Created for good works
Prepared beforehand
So that
We would walk in them

Vs13 But now – in Christ Jesus, you who were described in verse 12
have been brought near

“at that time” and “formerly” has become “now”

1. separate from Christ – you have been saved Eph 2:8

2. excluded from...Israel – grafted in Rom 11:12

3. strangers to the....promises – you are heirs according to

the promise Gal 3:29

4. without hope...in hope we have been saved Rom 8:24–27

5. without God...called children of God 1Jn3:1–2

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Vs14–15 He, Himself is our peace – He alone
with Him – not law, human merit, ritual, works, etc
with each other – 2Cor5:14–21 – Together we are the church
That which divided Jews and Gentiles – ordinances – access
to God
Jew and Gentile – Christian – fellow members of His body

1Cor12:7, 12-27

- Vs16 The body of Christ reconciled to God – enmity gone
 “We are His people; He is our God”
- Vs17 those far away – Gentiles
 those near – Jews
 Jn 10:14-16
- Vs 18 Through Jesus Christ the chosen people and the Gentiles
 have access (again: Rom 8:26-27)
- in one Spirit
 to the Father

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- Vs11 Therefore remember you who were “far off” have been brought
near – reconciled – made fellow citizens, joined God’s household,
become a temple of the Lord, a dwelling of God?

The new reconciled body – Jew and Gentile into an organic unity,
a unity of perfect equality: Acts 15:1; Gal 2:11-21

Questions:

How tough would it be to get the Jewish side to accept that “obedience to the Law” was not a prerequisite to acceptance in the body?

Col2:11–15 – vs16 Therefore...vs16–23

Phil 3:2–11

1Tim 1:6–11

Titus 3:5 with vs 9

Entire book of Galatians

Called “uncircumcision” by the Jews who were circumcised “in their flesh” and not in their hearts.

Deut 10:14–21; 30:1–6; Jer 4:4

Vs19–22 So then

1. you are no longer verse 12 people
2. but
 - a. fellow citizens
 - b. part of God’s household
3. Part of a dwelling of God in the Spirit vs 22
 - a. the foundation – apostles and prophets
 - b. the corner stone – Christ Jesus Himself
 - c. each stone fitted together
 - d. a growing temple in the Lord