

# **The Blessings Of The Blessed**

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

### **Our Position In Christ Provides The Power Of Christ**

#### **A. Encouraged To Pray (1:15-16)**

##### **1. Because of the testimony of others (1:15)**

**1 Thessalonians 1:8**

##### **2. In thanksgiving for others (1:16)**

**Colossians 3:15**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

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#### **B. Enlightened By The Spirit (1:17-18)**

##### **1. Given by God (1:17)**

**John 16:13**

##### **2. Gain for us (1:18)**

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

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### **Our Position In Christ Provides The Power Of Christ**

#### **C. Empowered By Christ (1:19-23)**

##### **1. Transcendent power (1:19)**

**a. Its availability**

**b. Its authority**

**Matthew 28:18**

##### **2. Demonstrated power (1:20)**

**a. In Christ's resurrection**

**Philippians 3:10**

**b. In Christ's ascension**

**Acts 1:9**

**Psalms 110:1**

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### **Our Position In Christ Provides The Power Of Christ**

#### **C. Empowered By Christ (1:19-23) - continued**

##### **3. Supreme power (1:21-23)**

###### **a. Over agency (1:21)**

**John 19:10-11**

**Ephesians 6:12**

###### **b. Over all (1:22-23)**

###### **1). As Creator (v 22)**

**Colossians 1:16-17**

###### **2). As Chief Shepherd (v 23)**

**Colossians 1:18-19**

**The Blessing Of Salvation**  
**Ephesians 2:1-10**

**We Need To Realize The Change Salvation Brings**

# **I. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)**

## **A. *We were* dead (2:1)**

**Ephesians 2:1**

**And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

### **1. It is a passed state**

**1 Peter 2:24**

**Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**

### **2. It was a pitiful state**

**Romans 7:24**

**O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

# **I. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)**

## **B. We *were* dominated (2:1-2)**

**Ephesians 2:1-2**

**1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

**2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

# **I. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)**

## **B. We *were* dominated (2:1-2)**

### **1. By sinful actions (v 1b)**

#### **James 1:13-14**

**13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:**

**14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.**

# **I. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)**

## **B. We *were* dominated (2:1-2) - continued**

### **2. By sinful alliance with the world (v 2)**

**John 8:44**

**Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

**Romans 7:5**

**For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.**

# **I. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)**

## **C. *We were* depraved (2:3)**

### **Ephesians 2:3**

**Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

# **I. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)**

## **C. *We were* depraved (2:3)**

### **1. From birth**

**Psalm 51:5**

**Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

### **2. In behavior**

**Judges 21:25**

**In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**

# **I. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)**

## **C. *We were* depraved (2:3) - continued**

### **3. In burden**

#### **John 3:36**

**He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

#### **Romans 1:18**

**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

## **II. Our Spiritual State Because Of Salvation**

**(2:4-7)**

**A. *We experience* God's love (2:4-5)**

**Ephesians 2:4-5**

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love  
wherewith he loved us,**

**5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us  
together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

## **II. Our Spiritual State Because Of Salvation**

**(2:4-7)**

### **A. We *experience* God's love (2:4-5)**

#### **1. In spite of our past**

**Romans 5:8**

**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

## **II. Our Spiritual State Because Of Salvation**

**(2:4-7)**

**A. *We experience* God's love (2:4-5) - continued**

**2. In supply of His love through Christ**

**John 10:17**

**Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.**

**Colossians 2:13**

**And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

## **II. Our Spiritual State Because Of Salvation**

**(2:4-7)**

**B. We *expect* God's blessings (2:6-7)**

**1. Being raised**

**Ephesians 2:6**

**And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

**Romans 8:17**

**And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

## **II. Our Spiritual State Because Of Salvation (2:4-7)**

**B. We *expect* God's blessings (2:6-7) - continued**

### **2. Being revealed**

**Ephesians 2:7**

**That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

**1 Corinthians 2:9**

**But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

# **III. Our Spiritual State Is From God**

**(2:8-10)**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**

**9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

**10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

# **III. Our Spiritual State Is From God**

## **(2:8-10)**

### **A. God's grace (2:8)**

**2 Timothy 1:9**

**Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,**

### **B. God's gift (2:8)**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

# **III. Our Spiritual State Is From God**

## **(2:8-10)**

**C. God's glory (2.9)**

**2 Corinthians 4:7**

**But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

# **III. Our Spiritual State Is From God**

## **(2:8-10)**

### **D. God's goal (2:10)**

**Matthew 5:16**

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**1 Peter 2:12**

**Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.**

**Our Lives Will Be Different  
If  
We Appreciate Salvation**