

4. Who were those who were far off in 2:17? \_\_\_\_\_  
What peace do you suppose is being spoken of here? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What great doctrine is pictured in Ephesian 2:18?! \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Take these thoughts with you for the day!

Saturday (September 8)—**prayerfully** read Eph 2:19-22.

1. What were the Gentiles now part of, and what were their new titles (2:19)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the foundation for this new society (new group of believers) (2:20)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What causes this building to fit together so well, and what is unique regarding this building (compared to other buildings) (2:21)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. (a little difficult, but a beautiful thought) What characterizes all the growth in this temple (2:21)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who will live in this holy temple being constructed (even “as we speak”) (2:22)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Take these thoughts with you for the day! If time, you might review I Corinthians 3:11-16.

1 Cor 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Sunday (September 9)—(repeat) pray for today's discussion and fellowship, **determining to talk your fair share** (not too much or too little).

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## **For by grace are ye saved through faith (2:8)! Ephesians 2**

Monday (September 3)—prayerfully read and enjoy Eph 2:1-3!

1. Who has He (God) quickened (made alive spiritually) (2:1)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. According to what course (path of life) had those who were dead in trespasses and sins walked (2:2)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Whose spirit “now works in the children of disobedience” (2:2)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What third entity (influence) is identified in Ephesians 2:3, which also contributes to our going in the wrong direction? \_\_\_\_\_  
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(bonus) Distinguish the desires of the flesh from the desires of the mind. (“What do you suppose?”) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How did saved people (those “quickened,” v. 1) who are being addressed in these verses differ before salvation from the “children of wrath” (1:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. The scriptures teach that our part in escaping temptation differs, depending on the source of the temptation. We are to **flee lusts** (the flesh, II Tim 2:22), **separate from the world** (II Cor 6:14-18), and **resist the devil** (Jms 4:7) Take this thought with you for the day! (I hope to develop this in the morning message.)

Tuesday (September 4)—prayerfully read Eph 2:4-7; these verses tell us of God's stepping in and rescuing us as we were heading to destruction!

1. What two things motivated God to intervene in our downward spiral (2:4)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What were we dead in, and with what (or whom) were we made alive (“quicken”) (2:5)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. With whom do you suppose we were raised up together (and made to sit together) (2:5)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where were we made to sit, and what do you suppose that means (2:6)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How does God plan to spend at least part of eternity (2:7)?  
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6. Some have seen that the biggest little word in this passage (and maybe in all the Bible) is the little word “But” in verse 4; take that thought with you for the day!

Wednesday (September 5)—prayerfully read Eph 2:8-10 and continue following the flow of this passage—we were dead spiritually, but God intervened and made us alive! These next three classic verses go back and give a few more details and summarize God’s simple plan of salvation!

1. What is our part in salvation (2:8)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is “the gift of God” mentioned in verse 8? Is it grace? Faith? Salvation? Something else? \_\_\_\_\_  
  
(bonus) What is the antecedent of “whom” in verse 11 (found in verse 10)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What could lead a man to boast (2:9)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The word “workmanship” in verse 10 in the original looks and sounds something like “poiema” (as in the English word “poem”). What do you suppose that means (that we are His workmanship)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What are we to be “guilty” of (what are we to be doing after God saves us) (1:10)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Meditate on those great memory verses and take them with you for the day!

Thursday (September 6)—prayerfully read Eph 2:11-13, which brings in the fact that these Ephesians were not Jews.

1. What was the ethnicity of the Ephesians (at least, what were they not)? (2:11)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was their identity before salvation (“in time past”); that is, was it physical or spiritual (2:11). \_\_\_\_\_
3. What three things were the Ephesians without “at that time” (before salvation) (2:12)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What solved the problem of these Gentiles being “without” (2:12-13)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What specific thing made these former strangers to be now part of the “in crowd” (2:13)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Review these thoughts, taking them with you for the day, perhaps reviewing the words to the song “What can wash away my sin?”!

Friday (September 7)—**prayerfully** read Eph 2:14-18.

1. Who is our peace, and what is the antecedent of “us” (2:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you suppose He (Christ) “abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances” (2:15)—what do you suppose that means?!  
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3. Do you suppose that the “new man” in verses 15-16 is speaking of an individual saved person or of all the saved collectively (and why)? \_\_\_\_\_