

# EPHESIANS

## Identity In Christ



# Ephesians so far...

## Thanksgiving

- Faith in the Lord Jesus
- Love toward all the saints



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## Prayer

- Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in knowledge of him
- May know what is the hope to which he has called you
- The riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints
- The immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe



## Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



## Ephesians 2:4-6 ESV

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



## Ephesians 2:7-10 ESV

7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



# A Hopeless Situation

What we have been saved from



# A Hopeless Situation

v1 “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...”

Rom 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## Ephesians 4:17-18 ESV

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.



# A Hopeless Situation

v2 “...in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—”



## 2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



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John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.



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Col 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



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What we have been saved for



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# Our New and Final Identity

Took us from...	Brought us to
Death	Life
Walking in sin	Walking in blessing and purpose
Children of wrath	His workmanship
Aimless wandering	Seating with Him in Heavenly places

