

EPHESIANS

“the church...is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

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- I. The Exceeding Greatness of His Power Toward Believers (vv. 1-10)
 - A. Their Previous Spiritual State (vv. 1-3)
 - a. Were dead in trespasses and sins. (v. 1)
 - b. Walked according to the course of this world. (v. 2a)
 - c. Walked according to the prince of the power of the air. (v. 2b)
 - d. Walked according to the spirit working in the sons of disobedience. (v. 2c)
 - i. Conducted themselves in their lusts, fulfilling their desires. (v. 3ab)
 - ii. Just like them, they were by nature children of wrath. (v. 3c)

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 - A. Their Previous Spiritual State (vv. 1-3)
 - B. Their Current Spiritual State: The Power of God in Their Resurrection (vv. 4-10)
 - a. God, because of His mercy and love, made us alive with Christ – saved by grace. (vv. 4-5)
 - b. God raised us up together to sit in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (v. 6)
 - c. To continually show in the future His grace and kindness in Christ Jesus. (v. 7)
 - d. Salvation is by grace through faith, not of self. (v. 8)
 - i. It is God's gift, not of works, to exclude boasting. (v. 9)
 - ii. We are His creation in Christ Jesus to walk in good works prepared by Him. (v. 10)

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- II. The Reconciling Power of God in Christ (vv. 11-22)
 - A. The State of Gentiles Prior to Christ Jesus (vv. 11-13)
 - a. As Gentiles in the flesh, they were called Uncircumcision by the Circumcision. (v. 11)
 - b. They were without Christ. (v. 12a)
 - c. They were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel. (v. 12b)
 - d. They were strangers from the covenants of promise. (v. 12c)
 - e. They were without hope and God. (v. 12d)
 - f. They were far off, but not in Christ Jesus brought near in His blood. (v. 13)

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 - a. Christ, our peace, by breaking down the separating wall by abolishing in His flesh the enmity that is the law, created in Himself one new man from the two. (vv. 14-15)
 - b. Christ put the enmity to death by reconciling both to God in one body through the cross. (v. 16)
 - c. Christ preached peace to those afar off and near. (v. 17)
 - d. Through Christ both have access by one Spirit to the Father. (v. 18)

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 - C. The State of Jews and Gentiles in Christ Jesus (vv. 19-22)
 - a. They are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens and members of God's household. (v. 19)
 - b. They were built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, Christ being the chief cornerstone. (v. 20)
 - c. As the building in Christ they are growing into a holy temple in the Lord for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (vv. 21-22)