

# Ephesians 2

## July 19, 2015 | mediaatvictory.com

### Ephesians 2:1-22

<sup>1</sup> And you He **made alive**, who **were dead** in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit who now works** in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature** children of wrath, just as the others. <sup>4</sup> **But God**, who is **rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us **alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> **and raised us up together**, and made us **sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift of God**, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **Brought Near by His Blood**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called uncircumcised (**without covenant**) by what is called the Circumcision (**with covenant**) made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> that at time you were **without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and **strangers from the covenants of promise**, having **no hope** and **without God in the world**. <sup>13</sup> But **now** in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought **near by the blood of Christ**.

### **Christ Our Peace**

<sup>14</sup> For **He Himself** is our peace, who has made both one [Jew and Gentile], and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself **one new man** from the two, thus **making peace**, <sup>16</sup> and that He might **reconcile them** both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and **preached peace** to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For **through Him** we both have **access by one Spirit to the Father**.

### **Christ Our Cornerstone**

<sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being **built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit**.