

EPHESIANS 2 NOTES

Note the progression from death to life in verses one through ten.

“And you were dead ...” (v. 1) → “But God ... “ (v. 4) → “made us alive” (v. 5)

OLD LIFE (v. 1-3)	NEW LIFE (v. 4-6)
Dead	Alive
Enslaved	Enthroned
Objects of Wrath	Objects of Grace
Walked among the Disobedient	Fellowship with Christ
Under Satan’s Dominion	In Union with Christ

Verse six indicates we are already seated with Him – we already have the status of son, child of God. We already have the privileges of sonship. Why? Back to Ephesians 1:5 – we are adopted! We belong to Him now and forever.

Verse eight reminds us that we cannot DO or BE enough for our salvation. Faith to believe requires that we grasp our insufficiency which in turn opens us to the grace of God.

Not BY works but FOR works (v. 9-10)

Our accomplishments do not save us. Salvation is entirely the work of God’s goodness toward us. **HOWEVER!** We are created FOR good works – we act on the gift of salvation by producing fruit for God’s glory. (See also John 15:1-8) Our faith is meant to be lived out in visible acts of worship, service, and love.

No Longer Foreigners and Strangers (v. 19)

- Foreigners: short-term transients; non-residents with no rights
- Strangers: resident foreigners who had settled permanently but had limited rights

Now “fellow citizens” ... this is our new position in Christ, enjoying all the privileges of God’s household

Formation of the Church (v. 20-22)

1. Foundation is Christ, the cornerstone (v. 20)
2. Put together by God (v. 21)
3. Goal is growth in Him (v. 21)
4. Continue to grow together, expansion for the Kingdom (v. 22)