

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE FELLOWSHIP

EPHESIANS Lesson One



CHAPTER TWO

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that, not of yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not of works, lest any man should boast” [Eph 2:8 (KJV)].

This is one of the most important chapters of the Bible. It focuses upon the Christian believer’s life, past, present, and future. It shows what your condition was before you accepted Christ and what your life has become as a result of Christ’s work. This chapter also emphasizes the importance of salvation by grace through faith, plus nothing, and establishes the foundation upon which the church, the Body of Christ, is built.

Take time to read through this chapter and pray that God would open your eyes to the truths contained therein.

1. Verses 1-3 characterize your spiritual condition before you accepted Christ. In your own words describe what that condition was, according to each of these verses. (Note to KJV users: The word “quicken” means *made alive*.)

Verse 1: _____

Verse 2: _____

Verse 3: _____

2. (v. 2) Who is the prince/ruler? _____ (See Matt. 12:26; Acts 26:18; Eph. 6:12.)
3. Where does the prince/ruler work? _____
4. (v. 4) Why did God show us mercy? _____
5. (v. 5) What did God do for us even though we were dead in sin? _____
6. (v. 6) What is our position in Christ now? _____
7. (v. 7) What will be made known in the ages to come? _____

Ephesians 2:8-9 are important salvation verses. Take time now to memorize them. Be prepared to write them out at the end of this lesson.

8. (v. 8-9) "Grace" means *a free gift*. If salvation is a free gift, what can we do to earn it? _____

Note: It is because of God's grace in sending Jesus to die in our place that we have an opportunity to receive salvation from the penalty of sin. According to Romans 6:23 that penalty is death, separation from God. It is by faith in Christ Jesus, not anything we might do, that we receive that free gift and will never be separated from God again.

9. (v. 10) "Good works" are the result of salvation, not the cause. What are you in Christ? _____

For what purpose were you created? _____

10. (v. 12) List four aspects of the Gentile condition indicating their utter helplessness before Christ.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

11. (v. 13) How were these "far off" Gentiles brought near to God? _____

12. (v. 14) In this dispensation of grace is there any distinction made between Jews and Gentiles? _____

13. How did Christ make peace between these two groups? _____

14. (v. 15) Verses 14 and 15 refer to the Old Testament commandments and ordinances that separated Israel from the Gentiles. Having torn down this barrier, what did Christ make of Jew and Gentile believers?

15. (v. 16) By what means did God make "one body" out of Jew and Gentile believers?

16. (v. 17) Who were those who were far off from God? _____

Who were those that were near to God? _____

(If you are not sure, please reread verses 11-13.)

Verse 18 refers to all three members of the Trinity: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It was Christ's death in our place, paying the penalty for our sin that allowed us the possibility of salvation. It was the work of the Holy Spirit which drew us to Christ, gave us saving faith, and baptized us into the "one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). By this work we are drawn close to God and rest assured in the knowledge that we will spend eternity with Him.

17. (v. 19) What are we no longer? _____

18. What are we now? _____

19. (v. 20) Who is the chief cornerstone of God's church today? _____
20. (v. 21) What kind of building does Paul call the church, the body of Christ? _____
21. What does 2 Corinthians 6:16 say about this temple? _____

22. (v. 22) God is dwelling in this temple today through the _____

Write out Eph. 2:8-9 from memory:
