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Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive: To Sit in Heavenly Places

Context—After you realize the power available to you through Christ and you recognize that Yahweh...“put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” Ephesians 1:22-23

Flesh vs. Spirit

“And you **He made alive**, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 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, 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. **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **even when we were dead in**

trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and **made us sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, that **in the ages to come** He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:1-7

- ☑ He Did the work (two different works) in you before anything you could do for Him, including even believing!
- ☑ We were all one children on wrath and even while dead in our trespasses and sins, He love us and gave Himself for us, so it had ZERO to do with what you did in the past of deserved!

“For **when we were still without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; **yet perhaps for a good man** someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then**, having now been **justified** by His blood, we shall be **saved** from wrath through Him. For if **when we were enemies** we were **reconciled** to God through the death of His Son, **much more**, having been **reconciled**, we shall be **saved** by His life. **And not only that**, but **we also rejoice** in God

through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom **we have now received the reconciliation.**” Romans 5:6-11 NKJV

Deep Dive: There are TWO things going on NOT ONE!

Verse 9

[since] we have now been justified

[δικαιωθέντες \(dikaiōthentes\)](#)

Verb - Aorist Participle Passive - Nominative Masculine Plural

Strong's Greek 1344: From dikaios; to render just or innocent.

Cognate: 1344 δικαιοῦν (from dikē, "right, judicial-approval") – properly, approved, especially in a legal, authoritative sense; to show what is right, i.e. conformed to a proper standard (i.e. "upright").

shall we be saved

[σωθησόμεθα \(sōthēsometha\)](#)

Verb - Future Indicative Passive - 1st Person Plural

Strong's Greek 4982: To save, heal, preserve, rescue. From a primary sos; to save, i.e. Deliver or protect.

4982 *sōzō* (from *sōs*, "safe, rescued") – properly, deliver out of danger and into safety; used principally of God rescuing believers from the penalty and power of sin – and into His provisions (safety).

Verse 10

we were reconciled

κατηλλάγημεν (*katēllagēmen*)

Verb - Aorist Indicative Passive - 1st Person Plural

Strong's Greek 2644: To change, exchange, reconcile. From *kata* and *allasso*; to change mutually, i.e. to compound a difference.

2644 *katallássō* (from **2596** /*katá*, "down to an exact point," intensifying **236** /*allassō*, "to change") – properly, decisively change, as when two parties reconcile when coming ("changing") to the same position.

2644 /*katallássō* ("decisively changed, reconciled") is applied to marriage partners (1 Cor 7:11), but usually in the redemptive sense of a sinner reconciling to the Lord.

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Verse 11

we have now received

ἐλάβομεν (elabomen)

Verb - Aorist Indicative Active - 1st Person Plural

Strong's Greek 2983: (a) I receive, get, (b) I take, lay hold of.

reconciliation.

καταλλαγὴν (katallagēn)

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 2643: Reconciliation, restoration to favor. From katallasso; exchange, i.e. Restoration to favor.

What the Spirit works in the sons of disobedience?

LUSTS OF THE FLESH AND CHILDREN OF WRATH!

What rebellion looks like!

“And Saul said to Samuel, “**But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD**, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and

brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. **But the people** took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, **the best of the things** which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." So Samuel said: "**Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD?** Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. **For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.'" I Samuel 15:20-23 NKJV

The Devil Spirit—the prince of the power of the air,

"Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. **You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.** But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe

Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.'" John 8:42-47 NKJV

The Lifestyle of Sons of Disobedience

LATER IN EPHESIANS: "But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the **sons of disobedience.**" Ephesians 5:3-6 NKJV

Set your minds on things above not on the flesh of the earth!

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. **Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth:** fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon

the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to **put off all these:** anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have **put on the new man** who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all." Colossians 3:1-11 NKJV

PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE!

What is that Spirit acting in the sons of disobedience?

1 John 4:2-3

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; **and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist,** of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

2 John 1:7

For many **deceivers** have gone out into the world, **those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh.** This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

1 John 2:22

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?

This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3

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1 John 4:1

Beloved, do **not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God,** because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- ☑ What are the attributes of the conduct of the Flesh
- ☑ Fruits of the Spirit vs. Lusts of the Flesh (Galatians 5)

The flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh

“I say then: **Walk in the Spirit,** and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the **flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;** and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are

not under the law. Now **the works of the flesh are evident**, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **But the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. **Against such there is no law.** And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." Galatians 5:16-26 NKJV

- ☑ Living by the Spirit vs. Living by the Flesh (Romans 7, 8)

After all the struggles that confuse me as to why I keep going back to my old ways, I have finally realized this!

"I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. **For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin**

which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! **Who will deliver me from this body of death?** I thank God—**through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, **with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.”** Romans 7:21-25 NKJV

SO POWERFUL—WALKING ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF THE SPIRIT—IT’S YOUR CHOICE!

“There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** Because the **carnal mind is enmity** against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, **those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now if

anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,** He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. [NO LONGER SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE]** For **you did not receive the spirit of bondage again** to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God, and if children,** then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:1-17 NKJV

READ DAILY

- Where are we right now?
- Sitting in heavenly places

You are not of this world!

“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them **because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.” John 17:12-19 NKJV

Our citizenship is in heaven—act like you believe it!

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even

this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame— who set their mind on earthly things. **For our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be **conformed** to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.” Philippians 3:12-21 NKJV

The Witness of living like a heavenly citizen

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts** which war against the soul, having your **conduct honorable among the Gentiles**, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. **Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers** and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to

silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, **yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.** Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.” I Peter 2:11-17
NKJV

- ☑ Live now as if you know what is apparent in the Ages to come?

Live now like you already received your prize

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, **you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.** Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. **To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us**

they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.” I Peter 1:6-12 NKJV

Works of Law vs. Doers of Law

For by **grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God, not of works**, lest anyone should boast. For **we are His workmanship, created** in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

Saved by Grace

He came to Save Sinners

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of **all acceptance**, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.” I Timothy 1:15-16 NKJV

“being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” Romans 3:24 NKJV

“Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us **by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:**” II Peter 1:1 NKJV

Works for Salvation vs. Works because of Salvation

Romans 2, 3

Doers of Law

“For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (**for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;** for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who **show the work of the law written in their hearts**, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.” Romans 2:12-16 NKJV

Obeying (doing) the Law is a good thing!

“Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, **you shall not do;** and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, **you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them:** I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, **which if a man does, he shall live by them:** I am the LORD.” Leviticus 18:1-5 NKJV

Works of Law

“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified** in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:19-20 NKJV

“**But now the righteousness of God apart from the law** is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,** whom God set forth

as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the **justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. **By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.**” Romans 3:21-28 NKJV

Galatians works of law are under curse

“But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, “If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, **knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; **for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified**. **“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves** also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which

I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”** Galatians 2:14-21 NKJV

WOW SO CLEAR—now connect Leviticus 18:1-5 with Galatians and Romans!

“For as many as are of the **works of the law are under the curse**; for it is written, **“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”** But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for **“the just shall live by faith.” Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”**” Galatians 3:10-12 NKJV

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law [**GOAL**] for righteousness to everyone

who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, **“The man who does those things shall live by them.”** But **[And, moreover, therefore]** the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):” Romans 10:1-8 NKJV

☑ Prepared before

☑ Psalm 37:4-5

Delight—Commit—Trust

“**Delight** yourself also in the LORD, And He shall **give** you the desires of your heart. **Commit** your way to the LORD, **Trust** also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.” Psalms 37:4-5 NKJV

He will give

וַיִּתֵּן (wə·yit·ten-)

Conjunctive waw | Verb - Qal - Conjunctive imperfect - third person masculine singular

Strong's Hebrew 5414: 1) to give, put, set 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to **give, bestow, grant**, permit, ascribe, employ, devote, consecrate, dedicate, pay wages, sell, exchange, lend, **commit, entrust**, give over, deliver up, yield produce, occasion, produce, requite to, report, mention, utter, stretch out, extend 1a2) to put, set, put on, **put upon, set, appoint, assign, designate** 1a3) to make, constitute 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be given, be bestowed, be provided, be entrusted to, be granted to, be permitted, **be issued**, be published, be uttered, be assigned 1b2) to be set, be put, be made, be inflicted 1c) (Hophal) 1c1) to be given, be bestowed, be given up, be delivered up 1c2) to be put up

Jeremiah 29

He has a plan!

“For **I know the thoughts that I think toward you**, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, **to give you a future and a hope**. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV

We are His Artwork

workmanship,

ποίημα (poiēma)

Noun - Nominative Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 4161: A thing made, a work, workmanship. From poieo; a product, i.e. Fabric.

Before you were born!

““Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.””

Jeremiah 1:5 NKJV

He Made you and ALL His works are Marvelous...So....?

“O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right

hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"
Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall
not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and
the light are both alike to You. **For You formed my inward parts; You
covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And
that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest
parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet
unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days
fashioned for me,** When as yet there were none of them. How
precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the
sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in
number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You." Psalms
139:1-18 NKJV