

WHAT WE ONCE WERE WHAT WE CAN BE

GOING DEEP - BOOK OF EPHESIANS - PART #2

Pastor Kevin Cummings – July 19, 2020

Ephesians 2:1-22

I. We were once _____. (v. 1-3)

A. We were _____ in our sins. (v. 1)

B. We were _____. (v. 2-3a)

1. By the world. (v. 2a)
2. By Satan. (v. 2b; I John 5:19-20)
3. By our flesh. (v. 3a; Galatians 5:16-21)

C. We were _____. (v. 3b)

II. We can be _____. (v. 4-22)

A. God _____ us. (v. 4; John 3:16)

- God will never love you any more than He does right now, and He will never love you any less.

B. God _____ us. (v. 5-22; Philippians 3:20)

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your heart on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Colossians 3:1-2

1. So we may see His grace. (v. 5-9)

“He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus.” II Timothy 1:9

2. So we may do good works. (v. 10; 3:7)

3. So we may get to heaven. (v. 11-22)

1.) We must admit what _____.
(v. 11-12)

- We were Christ less.
- We were friendless.
- We were homeless.
- We were hopeless.
- We were atheist.

2.) We must accept what _____.
(v. 13-18)

- He has shed His blood.
- He has become our peace.
 - a. Our only hope for peace is the Cross.
 - b. Instead of focusing on what others have done to you; focus on what Jesus has done for you.
- He has given us direct access to God.

3.) We must realize what _____.
(v. 19-22)

- God’s kingdom
- God’s family.

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- God’s temple.
 - a. God dwells in holy people not in holy buildings.
 - b. In the past God lived with His people, now God lives in His people.

ACTION POINTS:

1.) You are _____ an object of wrath or a trophy of grace.

2.) If I am a trophy of God’s grace, I should _____.

3.) Moving beyond cultural Christianity means Church should not be about my _____.

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C. We were doomed. (v. 3b)

II. We can be trophies of God's grace. (v. 4-22)

A. God loves us. (v. 4; John 3:16)

- God will never love you any more than He does right now, and He will never love you any less.

B. God saves us. (v. 5-22; Philippians 3:20)

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