

Ephesians 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Paul reveals the mystery of Christ and the church, saved by grace. This verse contributes to Paul's overall purpose in Ephesians: Explain the mystery of Christ and the church. The key themes of church as body of Christ, spiritual blessings, unity are evident in this passage.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: Ephesians was written around 60-62 CE from Roman imprisonment to Church at Ephesus and surrounding area.

Occasion: Circular letter to multiple churches. Paul wrote these 'Prison Epistles' during Roman imprisonment, likely around 60-62 CE. Despite chains, his focus remained on Christ's supremacy and the church's mission.

First-century believers lived in a pluralistic, pagan society with many parallels to today. Social structures, economic pressures, and religious confusion all challenged Christian witness. Paul's instructions addressed both timeless theological truths and specific cultural situations.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Ephesians 2:1 deepen my understanding of the gospel and God's character?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call me to make this week?
3. How does this passage point to Christ and His redemptive work?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ὁ	ὄντας	νεκροὺς	τοῖς	παραπτώμασιν
And	you	hath he quickened who were	dead	in	trespasses
G2532	G5209	G5607	G3498	G3588	G3900

καὶ	ταῖς	ἁμαρτίαις
And	sins	
G2532	G266	G3588

Additional Cross-References

Colossians 2:13 (Sin): And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Romans 8:2 (Sin): For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Ephesians 4:18 (Parallel theme): Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

John 5:21 (Parallel theme): For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

1 John 3:14 (Parallel theme): We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

John 14:6 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Ephesians 5:14 (Parallel theme): Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

John 5:25 (Parallel theme): Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

1 Timothy 5:6 (Parallel theme): But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.