

# Ephesians 2:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

## Analysis

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**[Verse 2:3 text would be quoted here]** This verse in Ephesians chapter 2 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

## Historical Context

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Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 2 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the truth of Ephesians 2:3 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

## Interlinear Text

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ἐν	οἷς	καὶ	ἡμεῖς	πάντες	ἀνεστράφημέν	ποτε	
Among	whom	also	we	all	had our conversation	in times past	
G1722	G3739	G2532	G2249	G3956	G390	G4218	
ἐν	ταῖς	ἐπιθυμίαις	τῆς	σαρκὸς	ἡμῶν	ποιοῦντες	τὰ
Among	G3588	the lusts	G3588	flesh	of our	fulfilling	G3588
G1722		G1939		G4561	G2257	G4160	
Θελήματα	τῆς	σαρκὸς	καὶ	τῶν	διανοιῶν	καὶ	ἡμεν
the desires	G3588	flesh	also	G3588	of the mind	also	G1510
G2307		G4561	G2532		G1271	G2532	
τέκνα	φύσει	ὀργῆς	ὡς	καὶ	οἱ	λοιποί·	
the children	by nature	of wrath	as	also	G3588	others	
G5043	G5449	G3709	G5613	G2532		G3062	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Titus 3:3** (Parallel theme): For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

**Ephesians 4:22** (Parallel theme): That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

**1 Peter 1:14** (Parallel theme): As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

**Romans 13:14** (Parallel theme): But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

**1 John 2:16** (Parallel theme): For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**Romans 6:12** (Parallel theme): Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

**Psalms 51:5** (Parallel theme): Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Ephesians 2:2** (Parallel theme): Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

**John 8:44** (Parallel theme): Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

**Mark 4:19** (Parallel theme): And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.