

FALL 2019



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- I. Today let's pick up our study of Ephesians in Chapter 2. Read *Ephesians 2:1-3*. According to this verse, people outside of Christ are spiritually dead. What does this mean? What does it mean to follow "the ways of the world"? (Note *1 John 2:15-17*). Who is the ruler of "the air" and what does he promote? (note *Ephesians* 6:12) Are Christians immune from the devil's temptations and the cravings of the sinful nature? Explain your answer.
- II. Now read *Ephesians 2:4-7*. What motivated God to reach down and save us? What does verse 5 tell us about our ability to save ourselves? What does it mean that God seated us with Christ and where are the heavenly realms? Note *Ephesians 1:3,20 and 3:10*. According to verse 7, what will God do in the coming ages and when might this be?
- III. Finally, read <u>Ephesians 2:8-10</u>. According to verse 8, are we saved by our faith, or by God's grace? Explain the difference. If salvation is a gift, what do we do to obtain it? Is this clear for most Christians? Verse 9 says we don't work, but verse 10 says we should do good works! Explain the difference between salvation and our sanctification. What are some of the "good works" God created us to accomplish? What about a Christian who doesn't do good works? What's wrong there?
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