

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* In his letter to the church of Ephesus, Paul exhorted the believers to "walk worthy of the calling with which they were called."
- \* For the past two weeks we have begun considering Paul's explanation regarding God's sovereign plan for the redemption of man and the spiritual blessings we have received as a result. Paul then reveals his prayer for the believers ... that God would give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him! That they would be able to truly understand the hope of His calling, the riches of His inheritance, and the greatness of His power!
- \* Today, we have another opportunity to relish in, and rejoice in, the wonderful grace of God poured out upon us in Christ Jesus!

**INSTRUCTION****I. OUR FORMER CONDITION**

**A. Your S** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1, 5; Romans 6:23; John 5:25)

**B. Your L** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)

1. YOU WALKED ACCORDING TO THE C \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Romans 12:2; Jeremiah 10:1-3; Ezekiel 11:12)
2. YOU WALKED ACCORDING TO THE P \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. John 14:30; 16:11; 1 John 5:19)
  - \* cf. Matthew 12:43-45; Acts 5:3; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

**C. Your N** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)

- \* cf. Romans 1:26,27; 2:14,27; 11:21,24; 1 Cor 11:14; Gal 2:15; 4:8; James 3:7; 2 Peter 1:4; 2:12; Jude 1:10

**BUT GOD! ... THE CHANGE IN NATURE**

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ **BY GOD'S GRACE** (cf. Romans 3:21-27)

**His Nature:**

He is Rich in Mercy (cf. Psalm 51:1; Exodus 34:6-7; Titus 3:5)

He is Great in Love (cf. Romans 5:6-8; John 3:16)

**His Plan:** Salvation by Grace through Faith

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ **BY MAN'S FAITH** (cf. Romans 5:1; John 6:47; Romans 4:1-6)

**II. OUR CURRENT SITUATION**

**A. Our P** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5-6)

1. WE WERE M \_\_\_\_\_ (sunezoopiaesen) WITH CHRIST
2. WE WERE R \_\_\_\_\_ (sunaegeiren) WITH CHRIST
3. WE WERE G \_\_\_\_\_ (snekathisen) IN THE HEAVENS WITH CHRIST

**B. Our P** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-10)

1. TO REVEAL HIS K \_\_\_\_\_: Through Our Lives People See the J \_\_\_\_\_ of the Grace of God
  - \* display (endeiknumi ... Romans 2:15; 9:17,22; 2 Cor 8:24; 1 Tim 1:16; 2 Tim 4:14; Titus 2:10; 3:2; Heb 6:10,11)
2. TO REVEAL HIS W \_\_\_\_\_: Through Our Lives People See the P \_\_\_\_\_ of the Grace of God (cf. Romans 8:28-29)
  - a. We Have a New N \_\_\_\_\_! (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 4:17-24; 2 Peter 1:4)
  - b. We Have a New L \_\_\_\_\_! (cf. Ephesians 4-6; Colossians 2:6-4:6; 2 Corinthians 3:16-18; Romans 6:17-19)
  - c. We Have a New S \_\_\_\_\_! (cf. Romans 6:4-23; 1 John 5:13)

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* ARE YOU ALIVE IN CHRIST?
- \* HAVE YOU VIEWED GOD'S GRACE AS A "PASS" TO SIN?
- \* ARE YOU WALKING IN THE WORKS OF GOD OR IN THE DESIRES OF YOUR FLESH?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* How does, or can, this passage affect our evangelistic efforts?