

Ephesians 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ephesians 2.
- B. Topic: the possibilities of faith.
- C. The main problems today are that people have a sense of meaningless, alienation and loneliness.

II. The condition of humanity after the Fall—there is not a ray of hope.

- A. We all once lived like this.
- B. Trespasses and sins marked the death that we had.
 - 1. Trespasses are not intentional wrongs.
 - 2. Sins are the things we do that are deliberate wrongs.
 - 3. The reason for these sins is that we are following the course of the world, Satan and the flesh.
 - 4. Increasingly, our society is under the wrath of God.

III. “But God.”

- A. God saved us because of His mercy, withholding the penalty of the law.
- B. God saved us because of His grace, giving to us in spite of the law.
- C. God saved us because of His love for us.

IV. The fundamental facts by which our faith must rest.

- A. We have been re-inhabited by God made alive with Christ and linked forever with Him.
- B. We have a new identity and a new power in heavenly places—nothing equals what the gospel does.
- C. We have a new resolve since we sit with Christ—we wait on God to do His work as we rest in peace.

V. The purpose of God’s activity.

- A. That God might display the wonderful riches of His grace.

B. That we might fulfill the works God has prepared for us.

III. We suffer from alienation between people groups in relationships, etc.

A. Christ has brought those who were far near again.

B. Christ is our peace. The Lord has interjected into our lives a new point of view.

C. Christ makes peace. In His death, our alienation has ended and we find righteousness in His forgiveness alone.

D. Christ preaches peace.

IV. We suffer from loneliness.

A. We are strangers and sojourners.

B. In Christ our separation with God is solved—we have a king and a government under God.

C. We are built into the family of God.

D. God Himself lives in us.

Application questions:

1. What are the fundamental facts of our faith? How does this address the problem of meaninglessness?

2. How does God answer the problem of alienation? Explain.

3. How does God address the problem of loneliness? Explain.
