

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 Sept 2019 Ephesians 1:1-14..... Rejoice
- 2) 08 Sept Ephesians 1:15-23..... Remembered
- 3) 15 Sept.....**Ephesians 2:1-10..... Resurrected**
- 4) 22 Sept Ephesians 2:11-22..... Reconciled
- 5) 29 Sept Ephesians 3:1-13..... Revealed
- 6) 06 Oct Ephesians 3:14-21..... Residence
- 7) 13 Oct Ephesians 4:1-10..... Walking Together
- 8) 20 Oct Ephesians 4:11-16..... Walking Forward
- 9) 27 Oct Ephesians 4:17-32..... Walking Differently
- 10) 03 Nov Ephesians 5:1-14..... Walking in Love
- 11) 10 Nov Ephesians 5:15-21..... Walking Wisely
- 12) 17 Nov Ephesians 5:22-6:4..... Walking as Family
- 13) 24 Nov Ephesians 6:5-20..... Walking to Battle

INTRODUCTION

- Paul begins to explain the steps by which God will accomplish His purposes, beginning with the salvation of individuals
- And Christ took steps to merge believing Jews and Gentiles into one body → the Church

Passage	Comments
Eph 2:1-2	<p>YOU (Gentiles) were dead in your sins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus told the religious scribes and Pharisees they would die in their sins (go to Hell) if they did not believe in Him John 8:24 • Before accepting and living for Christ we unwittingly followed “the course of this world” which is the ways of Satan – The prince of the power of the air 1John 3:8 • So, we know the problem → Sin = Death (Hell) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Now we need the fix → Jesus = Life (Heaven)
5 Greek words for SIN)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To miss the mark (>150x in the Bible) 2. Acts of disobedience 3. To slip or step over the line 4. To be lawless 5. To owe a debt
2:3	<p>WE (Jews) were just like you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We lived after the flesh – give me, give me, give me • We indulged the body and mind with ungodly things • By nature we were ‘children of wrath’ - doomed for Hell – so we need something ‘supernatural’ to break out of the natural mode → hence the need for Jesus Christ
2:4-5	<p>God’s Nature includes being “Rich in Mercy”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God does not wish anyone to go to Hell, so He provided a way for ALL to escape Hell → Jesus • “While we were yet sinners...” – God did not wait for us to clean up our lives and behave properly • By grace we are saved and now live with Christ • Salvation is not based on our good looks, good works but purely on His goodness to those who choose Him
What Do We Need To Do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we just sit on the couch and wait for Jesus to do His thing – Save Us by His Grace & Mercy & Love? • Do we have to obey 600+ commands [If you love Me, keep my commandments (Jn 14:15), & all that matters is keeping God’s commandments (1Cor 7:19)?] • Consider this. Jesus, indeed, paid the full price, but He insists we do one thing: Believe on Him .. John 6:29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Not believe with head knowledge only, for even the demons believe in Christ (Jms 2:19); BUT to accept His payment for our sins (this is by FAITH) & willing chose to live for Him – This is Agape Love
What is Faith?	<p>Faith is NOT FACT – Faith is NOT Blind – Faith is NOT Permanent. Faith, like Hope, is temporal during our earthly existence. Only LOVE is eternal. Faith will one day be Fact, and Hope will be realized Hebrews 11:1</p>

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2:6-7	<p>We are Raised Up and Seated in Heavenly Places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We now positionally share in the richness and fullness that belongs to Christ → We get it all! In the future Kingdom we will realize all of our promised blessings • What does God get out of the deal besides watching His precious Son die at the hands of sinners? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God receives glory from our redemption through proclamation of His greatness and manifold wisdom throughout His creation Ephesians 3:10
2:8-9	<p>Quintessential passage on our Salvation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save by God’s grace alone – not by our works • Saved through our faith (our believing act) – but not of ourselves (God doesn’t believe for us, but He gives us the ability to believe. He even gives us the faith) • Salvation is purely an undeserved gift of God • God’s gift of salvation is available to everyone who chooses to believe Rom 1:16 • Some Calvinists would argue that to believe is to work. But logic dictates that ‘not to believe’ in Christ would also be a work. Even John Calvin said in his writings “faith alone is sufficient, because this alone does God require from us, that we believe.” • Some Jews once asked Jesus “what are the works of God we need to do,” and Jesus replied, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Me...” John 6:28-29 • Jesus also told the Jews “But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life” John 5:40
2:10	<p>We are Created for Good Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works don’t save us, but after we are saved, we should work good works since we are a piece of work (His workmanship prepared beforehand)

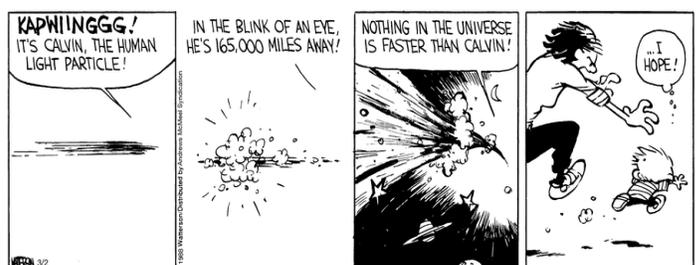
CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- We can only thank God for His ‘unspeakable gift’ – For Christ doing all the work – and for His love and mercy freely given to us

SUPPORTING PASSAGES:

- John 8:24** "Therefore I (Jesus) said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."
- Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
- 1John 3:8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- Rom 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

NEXT WEEK: Ephesians 2:11-22. We were once dead to our sins, but Christ brought us near to Him, and made both groups (Jews and Gentiles) into one



The consequences of sin eventually catches up with us.