

Ephesians Handout

Week Nine

Review:

The view from the top.

1:19 ...what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Another view...

2:1 And you, you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the realm of the air, of the spirit that is now powerfully working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

1. And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...and by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Dead how?

Jn. 5:24

What does that mean?

How bad are we? Ps. 10:4, Gen. 6:5, Isa. 53:6, Mic. 7:2-4

Every part? Isa. 1:5-6, Every person? Rom. 3:9-12 Isa. 64:6, 1 Cor. 2:14, Rom. 8:7

How does anyone get saved?! Jn. 3:26, Jn. 14:16-17

The steps: Ezek. 36:26, Jn. 6:44, Acts 16:14, Jn. 3:6, 6:63, 1 Cor. 12:3, 1 Cor. 4:7

Why we shouldn't fight it. Mat. 5:3

-The dark truth points to the deep love

We are *all* dead. We are all *dead*.

-The dark truth demands humility and makes possible relentless, unbounded hope.

2 Tim. 2:24 "We can't shoot them Stevie. They're not ready yet for heaven. We are."

-The dark truth insists on patience and compassion.

How did we die?

Trespasses: paraptoma

Sins: hamartia

Covers both sins of commission and omission.

We walked according to:

The course of this world: Age of this cosmos. Age-Gal. 1:4
The world-

The ruler of the realm of the air, the spirit that is now powerfully working in the sons of disobedience
Lk. 4:5, Acts 26:17
Air:

Heb. 13:1
Working powerfully in the sons of disobedience
*Eph. 1:19 1 Jn. 4:3

We too all formerly *lived* in the lusts of *our* flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind.
Live in: desires: will
1 Jn. 2:16

By nature children of wrath, even as the rest

Why does this truth not lead to despair but light?

4. **But God**

Rom. 5:8
Keep Satan from wrecking your joy in two ways...

Lk. 18:10

We learned it in Deuteronomy but let's review it again.
God's wrath is not

Some more **but God's** Gen. 50:20, Ps. 73:26, Jon. 2:6, Mat. 19:26 Acts 2:23 2 Tim. 2

The ride back up...

4. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us *alive together* with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and *raised us up together* with Him, and *seated us together* with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

His rich/abounding in mercy/ compassion His great (long, much, often) agape love
Stacking terms v. 7 hyperbollo used to describe power but also used to describe love

one more time! Even when we were dead

Not just New Testament stuff. Rab chesed. Jon. 4:1 Ps. 86:5

He saved us. Perfect participle. What does that mean?

What more?!

1. Made alive together with Christ. Sunezoopoisen.
2. Raised us up together with Him. Sunegeiren
3. Seated us together with Him. Sunekathisen.

These are all past tense. How is that?

Rom. 6:3