



**OUR AMAZING CHANGE
of DESTINY:**

**FROM ETERNAL RUIN
to ETERNAL RICHES**

Scripture Reading:
Ephesians 2:1-8

INTRODUCTION

The effect of Jesus' resuscitation of the daughter of Jairus (Mk 5:22-42) on the crowd –
astonishment!

When Paul explains the amazing change of NT believers from or previous condition of being dead ones in trespasses and sins, to now being alive with Christ, we should continually be
astonished!

NEW TESTAMENT GRACE-BELIEVER'S ORIGINAL CONDITION (Eph 2:1)

Spiritually dead

Death and separation - James 2:26

physical death = separation of our immaterial parts from our body

spiritual death = separation of our person from God

NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER'S ORIGINAL CONDITION

(continued)

Dead in trespasses, even sin – Eph 2:1

Adam's trespass - (mental) determination to disobey God

Adam's sin = his action in disobeying God

All mankind **trespassed and sinned** IN ADAM – I Cor 15:22

The NT uses the word “sin” to describe the action of sin
AND the fallen nature (from which action of sin came)

Therefore, we NT grace-believers WERE dead in
trespasses, even sin

THE NEW TESTAMENT GRACE-BELIEVER'S ORIGINAL CONDUCT (Eph 2:2-3)

The **CONTROL** of our conduct - vs 2

controlled by the (present evil) **age** – Gal 1:4

an “age” reveals an aspect of God character – Eph 2:7

Satan is the “god of (this present) age” - II Cor 4:4

This age disputes (questions) God's Word and wisdom
result: God's Word is negated – I Cor 1:20

THE NEW TESTAMENT GRACE-BELIEVER'S ORIGINAL CONDUCT (Eph 2:2-3)

CONTROLLED by the world system

The world system is the Satanically arranged and energized system that REPLACES God's revealed Word with material things – cf Gen 4:17-26, Lk 11:50-51

That appeal to the soul and spirit of the unbeliever, and to the soul of the believer (which is yet 'unsaved' I Pet 1:9) thus providing a MAJOR distraction to TRUE REALITY (life, death, sin, salvation, etc)

THE NEW TESTAMENT GRACE-BELIEVER'S ORIGINAL CONDUCT (Eph 2:2-3) continued

Satan empowers – Eph 2:2

1. The present evil age
2. The diabolic world system
3. The atmosphere round the Earth
(cf Job 1:12, 16, 18-19)
4. His “sons: of disobedience”: unsaved philosophers, politicians, religious leaders, so-called “Christian” ministers

THE ORIGINAL COMPANIONS of the NT GRACE-BELIEVER (Eph 2:3)

- We shared in the disobedient conduct of an unbeliever
- We shared in their lusts and desires from the sin nature
- We shared in the future prospect of God's wrath, which is ONLY displayed while unsaved men are alive on Earth
 - Rom 1:18, a quality of wrath
 - I Thess 1:10, 5:9
 - Rev 15:1

“BUT GOD!” Three Abilities of God that He Exercised to Provide and Apply Salvation

- **God's love - Eph 2:4, Jn 3:16**
 - God exercised His love to provide for our desperate need of salvation from trespasses, even sins.
- **God's grace – Eph 2:5,8**
 - God's love directed toward mankind by his grace (unmerited love/favor); grace is HOW His love reaches us
- **God's mercy - Eph 2:4, Titus 3:5**
 - God's pity over our inability to receive God's gracious provision because of our being spiritually dead – Eph 2:1, 5a

God's Three Provisions of our Salvation in Christ

1. Made alive together with Christ
 - Resurrection life REPLACES spiritual death – Eph 2:5
2. Raised together with Christ
 - Eph 2:6, Phil 3:10, Col 3:1-4
3. Seated together with Christ
 - Eph 2:6, a privileged position; a restful position!

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- God's mercy provides:
 - The convicting work of the Holy Spirit
 - Jn 16:8-11
 - The faith necessary to believe God's provision for salvation
 - Eph 2:8-10, Phil 1:29

CONCLUSION

Always remember our amazing salvation:

from utter separation from God to the glorious salvation that we have freely received from Him through LOVE, GRACE, MERCY, and gift of FAITH.

God now sees us

- in His Son
- at His right hand
- made alive together, and
- seated together with Christ (and with ALL NT grace believers)