

“THE POWER OF GRACE” (Ephesians 2:1-7)

I. Paul’s greeting to the Church in Ephesus (1:1-2)

II. The Wealth of the Church (1:3-3:21)

A. Praise for Redemption (1:3-14)

B. Prayer for Enlightenment (1:15-23)

C. A Positional Change (2:1-10)

a. The Past (2:1-3)

1. As it pertained to our previous spiritual _____, we were _____ in _____ and sins (vs. 1).
2. As it pertained to our previous spiritual _____, we were guided by the world’s _____ and deceived by Satan’s _____ (vs. 2).

**Principle to Ponder #1: Apart from God’s _____ and Spirit, man has no _____ but to _____ the path laid before him by the world, Satan, and his flesh.*

**How can we understand the phrase: ‘the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience?’*

3. As it pertained to our previous spiritual _____, we were enslaved to the sinful _____ of our _____ (vs. 3).

**Principle to Ponder #2: Given that God poured out His _____ on Christ, believers should _____ living like those who are headed for _____.*

b. The Present (2:4-7)

1. As it pertains to our present spiritual _____, God has made us _____ together with Christ (vs. 4-5).

**What two attributes of God are highlighted in this verse? Why is that important?*

2. As it pertains to our present spiritual _____, we have been _____ together with Christ (vs. 6a).

**What does this mean practically speaking?*

**Principle to Ponder #3: God first appeals to our _____ and reasoning before seeking behavioral _____ and genuine _____.*

3. As it pertains to our present spiritual _____, we have been made to _____ together with Christ in _____ places (vs. 6b).

**What does being 'seated with Christ' have to do with spiritual activity here on earth?*

**Principle to Ponder #4: Believers must focus on what God has already done _____ us before expecting Him to accomplish anything _____ us.*

4. As it pertains to our present and _____ spiritual _____, we are _____ of His grace and immense kindness because of Christ (vs. 7).

**Principle to Ponder #5: The Christian life must be lived by God _____, through God's _____ - all for God's _____.*

**What can we learn from all of this today?*