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Reading: Ephesians 2v1-10

This is written to Christians in Ephesus, mostly of a Gentile background.

The gospel message is to the “[whosoever will](#)”.

Paul knew the same salvation that these Christian Gentiles knew although he was a Jew. All had to acknowledge Christ as Lord.

v.1-3 What sin has done in us.

v.4-10 What God can do for us.

They were dead, disobedient, defiled, depraved. They went after all the flesh craved. They were children of wrath. For those who refuse to obey the message of gospel there is a doom that awaits them.

If you are still in sin then you are lost and you are dead.

Lu 15: 1 sheep was lost (picture of sinner) and the shepherd went out until he found it. (A picture of the work of the Lord Jesus).

1 coin lost and the woman searched until she found it. (Another picture of the work of the Lord Jesus) He came “[to seek and save that which was lost](#)” (Luke 19:10).

Prodigal Son - “[was lost and is found, was dead and is alive](#)”

We were dead spiritually – out of touch, out of contact with God. We had to come back as an act of repentance.

It is an idea that has been with us from the start - “[in day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die](#)” (Gen 2:17). When Adam ate the fruit he knew spiritual death, his communion with God was lost. Sins and iniquities separate from God (Isa 59:2).

We are not perfect, we all have sin in our life. We have come short of God's perfect standard. “[All have sinned and come short of the glory of God](#)” (Rom 3:23).

“[By one man sin entered into the world](#)” (Rom 5:12).

“[Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live](#)” (Jer 38:20).

The blind man at pool of Siloam. Was blessed because he did what he was told.

“[Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest](#)” (Mat 11:28).

“[And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life](#)” (John 5:40) he people were disobedient.

Man has always had a sinful and sinful desires.

“[He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him](#)” (John 3:36).

At the end of life destiny is fixed, whether to enjoy God's presence or face God's wrath.

The final judgment for mankind is the great white throne. The deciding factor is whether your name is written in the book of life. The lake of fire, the second death is the judgment for those not written in the lamb's book of life.

The whole thing turns round with the words "[But God](#)".

In the past the Christians had trusted in Christ and so now had a great future.

God loves you.. "For God so loved the world that He gave"(John 3:16). He clearly showed His love for the world. "The Son of God, loved me...", "Christ loved the church and gave..."

Why did God give? Because new life had to be given "[Ye must be born again..](#)"

"[He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings](#)"(Ps 40:2). David knew the pit experience(just like sin) and was delivered from it.

He breaks the power of sin and death.

How does it all come about?

"[By grace are ye saved through faith](#)"(v8).