

New Life in Christ Ephesians 2:1-10

I. Need of New Life - 2:1-3

1. Conquered by Death - 1
Death reigned over us because of sin – Rom. 5:12
Dead spiritually, separated from God
Not capable of knowing God or understanding His truth – 1 Cor. 2:14
Mortal, under sentence of death physically
2. Conformed to the World's pattern - 2
World system dominated our thinking & our actions
Our value system
3. Controlled by Satan's influence - 2
Prince of the power of the air - of Satan's kingdom
In rebellion against God - children of disobedience
4. Constrained by our own desires - 3
We lived as other children of disobedience
We lived to gratify our own desires
We lived to please self, to do what we wanted
We lived to follow the dictates of our own mind
5. Condemned under the wrath of God - 3
By nature - children of Adam under condemnation
Children of wrath - God's judgment against sin
On all children of Adam - Rom. 5:12,18,19
Even as others - all members of Adam's race
Share in Adam's sin & under same condemnation

II. New Life in Christ - 2:1, 4-6

1. God has made us alive – 1, 5
Our spirit has been made alive in Christ
New birth – regeneration of our spirit
Promised in the Old Testament – Jer. 31:31-34;
Ezek. 36:25-27
Provided in the New Testament - John 1:12-13
Proclaimed by Jesus Christ
To a Jewish rabbi - John 3:3-7
To a Samaritan sinner – John 4:19-24
Preached by Paul – 2 Corinthians 5:17
Regeneration – work of the Holy Spirit – Titus 3:5
2. Prompted by God's grace – Eph. 2:4-5
Prompted by the richness of His mercy
Not because of any goodness in us
Prompted by the greatness of His love
He loved us when we were rebellious and in sin
Prompted by God's grace – 5
It is a gift provided through His Son
3. Power to deliver us from death - 5
Even when we were dead in sins
Power to deliver us from the power of sin
4. United us to Jesus Christ – 5-6

Made us alive in Christ - by His grace
Raised us up with Christ - out of realm of death
Made us sit with Christ in heaven - seated with Him

III. Design of Grace - 2:7-10

1. His Purpose, to Display His Grace in us - 7-9
All glory belongs to Him and to His work of grace
Salvation is a gift of God's grace
There is nothing in us that merits God's grace
If we could be saved by works we could boast
2. His Purpose, to Transform us by His grace - 10
We are the result of God's handiwork
He transforms us so we now can do good works
His eternal plan, to produce beings that please Him
God has done all this in Christ by His grace