

Message Series:

Membership Has Its Privileges
A Study on Ephesians 1-3 Belonging to Christ
March 15, 2009

Today's Message:

The Way We Were
Ephesians 2:1-4

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¹And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³Among 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. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us...

Today's Main Thought: Before Jesus Christ we were; enslaved to sin, obedient to satanic influences, and condemned.

Before we were redeemed, and sealed we were...

1. Dead, _____, vv.1 & 5; Colossians 1:21-22
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2. Influenced by Satan and the world system, vv. 2-3;
1 John 2:15-17; 5:19

3. Driven by our deep seated desires, v. 3; Galatians 5:16, 19-21; Romans 8:5-8; James 4:1-4
4. Children of wrath, v. 3; Romans 1:18-23; Colossians 3:5-6

But God...

Getting Started: What special gift have you received recently?

Digging Deeper: In this passage, Paul divides a follower of Christ's life into two periods. What are they? Who controlled you in the first period? What was the result? If we are "dead" because of sin (v. 1), how are we made alive (vv. 4-5)?

Living it out: What in your life is due only to God's presence and goodness? Share your thoughts with one person this week.

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Ephesian 2:5-10 The Way We Were...But God