

START - LIFE WITHOUT GOD - (VS 1-3)

(IN CH 1) PAUL SAYS:

WE, GOD'S PEOPLE, SHOULD REALIZE --
"THE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER -- TO US-WARD
-- "WHO BELIEVE" (VS 19)

- THE WAY WE DO THIS -- IS FIRST -- TO
REALIZE -- HOW LOST WE WERE -- OR --
HOW FAR AWAY FROM GOD WE WERE --
(VS 1-3) --

- "BEING IN THIS STATE" -- "HE, GOD"
"QUICKENED" US -- & -- "BY GRACE OF HIS
OWN NATURE" -- SAVED US -- (VS 1-7) --

- "BY CONSIDERING THIS" -- WE WILL
HAVE -- A GLIMPS -- OF THIS GREAT POWER --

"SO"

- PAUL DESCRIBES "OUR STATE" -- OUR
CONDITION -- IN SIN --

- THE NATURAL LIFE OF ALL MANKIND --
THAT IS -- THE POSITION -- AND -- PRACTICE
OF -- ORDINARY LIFE & LIVING --

- "THE POWER" WE "STRUGGLE" AGAINST --
"THE PRINCE & POWER OF THE AIR"
"THE SPIRIT" -- "AT WORK" -- "NOW" --
"THAT PRODUCES" "DISOBEDIENCE" (2)

"IN THE PAST"
"BEFORE SALVATION" — WE WALKED ~
"ACCORDING TO HIS LEADERSHIP" ~ & ~
"AUTHORITY" — "IN THIS WORLD"

"IN THE PRESENT"
(VS 4) "BUT GOD" — EVEN WHEN (VS 5)
— RAISED US UP (VS 6) — QUICKENED US (VS 7)
& SAVED US —

"ALL BY HIS GRACE" — "UNMERITED FAVOR"
"NOW" — CONSIDER:

— LIFE WITHOUT GOD — (VS 1-3)

I] WE WERE DEAD — (VS 1)

"DEAD" — "IN TRESPASSES AND SINS" ①

① TRESPASSES — ①

"AN OUTWARD TRANSGRESSION"
"A FALLING AWAY FROM" — IN THIS CASE

WHAT IS TRUE, TRUTH — "GOD ONLY" —

AND
"WHAT IS UPRIGHT" — "OBEDIENCE"

(ROM 5: 15-18) —

THIS CAME BY ONE MAN'S TRESPASS --

ADAM:

WHO SINNED ~ IN DISOBEDIENCE
TO THE ~ LAW ~ "REQUIREMENT OF GOD":
"DO NOT EAT OF THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE"

YOU SEE:

MAN, ADAM, WAS MEANT TO BE --
UPRIGHT -- & -- TRUE -- & -- RIGHTEOUS -- &
HOLY -- ~ ~ (BUT)

ADAM ~~WAS~~ --
DEFECTED FROM IT -- HE HAS FALLEN
AWAY ("TRESPASSED") -- FROM IT --

HE IS NO LONGER UPRIGHT -- BUT FALLEN
"TO THE GROUND" -- "AND"

"ALL" "MANKIND" -- WITH HIM --
"THEN"

⑧ SIN - ①

"ENTERED THE PICTURE"

(ROM 5:12)

"SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD" --
"THROUGH ONE MAN" -- SO -- "DEATH" WHICH
COMES -- BECAUSE OF SIN -- & "SPREAD"
"TO"
"ALL" "MANKIND" --

SIN = "OUTWARD MANIFESTATION" -- OF MAN'S
CONDITION -- "DEAD IN SIN" --

"CONTROLLED"
BY "DEATH" ~ & "SIN" ~ "WALKING" ~
LIVING OUR LIVES ~ ACCORDING TO
"THE WORLD"

WHICH IS CONTROLLED
"BY" ~ "THE PRINCE OF SIN" ~ "THAT
IS" ~ "THE SPIRIT" OF THE DEVIL ~
THE CHIEF & FIRST ~ IN "REBELLION"
"AGAINST GOD" ~

"SO"

II] WE WERE DISOBEDIENT - (2)

(A) THE COURSE OF OUR LIFE - (2a)
"WE WERE OF THE WORLD"

WORLD = AN AGE ~ THAT DISPLAYS A
"SPIRIT OF HOSTILITY" ~ "TOWARD GOD"
WHICH IS:

CONTROLLED BY:

~ THE PRINCE AND
POWER ~ OF THE AIR ~

"THE SWORN ENEMY OF GOD"

THAT IS:

THE SPIRIT OF THIS AGE ~ IS DETERMINED
BY THIS SPIRIT OF THE WORLD -

THE BIBLE STATES ~ THERE ARE SPIRITS OF
THE UNSEEN WORLD ~ OF THE AIR - - - -

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THESE SPIRITS ARE ~ FALLEN ~ MALIGNANT
~ + BITTERLY HOSTILE ~ TO MANKIND -

OUR STATE OF SPIRITUAL DEATH -
IS DEMONSTRATE BY ~ THE FACT THAT
"WE WALKED ~ ACCORDING TO THIS
"REBELLIOUS" SPIRIT"

(B) THE CAUSE OF THIS LIFE - (26)

"THE SPIRIT THAT "NOW" WORKS IN
"THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE"

CHILDREN HEIRE ~ IS FORM OF THE GREEK
WORD ~ "HUIOS" ~ MEANING "SON" ~

"SON" ~ A REFERENCE TO ONE'S
"ORIGIN" ~ NATURE ~ RELATIONSHIP
"TO HIS FATHER" ~

PAUL IS SAYING ~

THESE WERE SONS OF THE DISOBEYANT
ONE = "SATAN"

WE HAD A NATURE & CHARACTER
OF THAT "EVIL SPIRIT"

THANK GOD !!!
WE HAVE A "NEW NATURE"
THAT "OVER THROWS" & "PUTS
TO DEATH" "OUR OLD NATURE"

III] WE WERE DEFILED - (3)

OUR WAY OF LIFE -- WAS UNDER
THE CONTROL OF -- THIS OLD NATURE

- WE WERE "CHILDREN OF WRATH" -

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→ THIS WAS OUR NATURE -

① WE SPURNED THE LOVE OF GOD -

② WE SPURNED THE LAW OF GOD -

③ WE SPURNED THE LORDSHIP OF GOD -

"SO"

"GOD IS A JUST GOD" & CANNOT
OVERLOOK - THIS ACTION:

WHICH WAS:

(THE NATURE OF REBELLION) - IN HEAVEN
(SATAN)

(THE NATURE OF REBELLION) - ON EARTH -
(CHILDREN OF WRATH)

"SO" GOD'S WRATH IS MANIFESTED

(A) WHAT IS GOD'S WRATH? -

① HIS WRATH IS A "MANIFESTATION"
OF INDIGNATION - BASED UPON
JUSTICE

② IT IS THE "REJECTION" OF GOD'S LOVE

GOD IS A GOD OF LOVE - BUT ALSO
OR "EQUALLY" - A GOD OF "JUSTICE"
& OF "RIGHTEOUSNESS"

IF GOD'S LOVE IS REJECTED - THEN -
"JUSTICE" & "RIGHTEOUSNESS" REMAIN -
THUS

- THE WRATH OF GOD -

⑧ THE TEACHING OF THE APOSTLE IN VS 3

UNTIL WE BELIEVE ON THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST - WE ARE UNDER
THE WRATH OF GOD -

WHICH IS

- ① AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S HATRED OF SIN -
- ② AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PUNISHMENT
FOR SIN -

"SO"

THE TEACHING HERE - THOSE WHO ARE IN A
POSITION OF BEING "OUTSIDE" OF
CHRIST - ARE UNDER

THE "WRATH OF GOD" IN THIS LIFE &
WILL REMAIN UNDER THE "WRATH OF
GOD" IN THE "NEXT" LIFE -

⑨ THIS IS WHY "GOD" HAD TO DIE -
AS MAN - FOR MAN -

THUS - CHRIST - THE "SON OF GOD" -
OUR
"HAVEN OF REST" - FOR THIS
"WRATH"

THUS:

THE DOCTRINE OF & DEATH OF &
THE CROSS OF OUR BLESSED LORD &
SAVIOUR -

WHICH WAS "ABSOLUTELY" -
NECESSARY - "TO SATISFY" - THE -
- "WRATH OF GOD" -

HE DIED & HE SATISFIED & HE SAVES - -
TO THE "UTTERMOST"

[YES - ONE TIME - I WAS WALKING THE
COURSE OF THIS WORLD - (2)]

"NOW"

[1 COR 6:11] "SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU:
BUT - "YE ARE WASHED" - AND
"YE ARE SANTIFIED" - AND "YE ARE
JUSTIFIED" - IN THE NAME OF THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST - AND BY -
"THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD" - - -

NEXT:

VS 4

"BUT GOD"

VS 4-7

"LIFE IN GOD"

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

- LIFE WITH CHRIST -

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EPIPH IS GOD'S WAY OF RECONCILIATION

WE HAVE CONSIDERED (VS 1-3)

- LIFE WITHOUT CHRIST -

1-3 (WHAT IS TRUE OF MAN (MANKIND) IN SIN)
THAT IS:

HIS CHARACTER (CHARACTERISTICS) ARE

- HIS "HE IS IN SIN" - WITHOUT THE
"GRACE OF GOD"

(THIS MATTER IS PRESENTED IN (1-3))

- YOU CANNOT BEGIN TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS
OF MANKIND UNTIL YOU KNOW
"THE TRUTH" ABOUT MAN -

THAT IS:

- MAN NEEDS RECONCILIATION TO GOD -
FOR PAUL SAYS:

- THAT MAN IS "BY NATURE" WITHOUT GOD -

THUS:

- PAUL STARTS WITH "THE NATURE"
"THE CHARACTER" "THE TRUE BEING"
OF MAN (MANKIND) -

(VS 1-3)

WE CONSIDERED THIS MATTER ~
~ LAST TIME :

"MAN IS SPIRITUALLY DEAD" ~ MAN
IS "GOVERNED BY THE DEVIL" ~ MAN
IS "CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRITUAL FORCES
UNDER SATAN'S CONTROL" ~

THUS:

THIS ~ IN TURN ~ IS THE "PRODUCT" &
"CONTROLLING FACTOR" ~ OF THE
WORLD ~ ITS MIND + OUTLOOK ~
(THIS IS THE POSITION OF MAN)

"THE PRODUCT"

MAN IS "DOMINATED" BY THIS "EVIL"
POWER ~ AND ~ "CONTROLLED"

THUS:

"LIVES A LIFE" ~ IN ~ "TRESPASSES"
& "SINS" ~

"NOW"

WE COME TO THESE ~ TWO ~
"WONDERFUL" ~ WORDS:

"BUT GOD" (4)

THE WORD "BUT" IS A CONJUNCTION

AND YET - IT ALWAYS SUGGEST A
"CONTRAST"

HERE NOTE

THE "CONNECTING" AND CONTRAST =

"WE WERE DEAD" - (TRESPASSES & SINS)

"BOTH"

NOW

LIFE WITH CHRIST -

"WE HAVE BEEN QUICKENED" - (5)

"WE HAVE BEEN RAISED TOGETHER" - (6)

"WE SIT" TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES

THROUGH THESE TWO WORDS - PAUL
SHARES - THE GOSPEL - OF WHAT "GOD"
HAS DONE - HIS INTERVENTION -

THIS IS

SOMETHING THAT COMES "ENTIRELY"
FROM "OUTSIDE US" + "DISPLAYS"
"TO US"

THE "WONDEROUS" AND "WONDERFUL"
AND "AMAZING"

"WORK OF GOD"
FOR - THE SALVATION OF MAN

LET US "NOW" CONSIDER

THIS: LIFE WITH CHRIST -

THAT GOD HAS MADE POSSIBLE

WE SEE OURSELVES IN AN
ENTIRELY LOST & PERILOUS
CONDITION

"SUDDENLY" THEIR COMES THIS
MESSAGE TO US WHICH CAUSES
US TO ~~NO~~ LOOK UP & BE LIFTED UP

(THIS IS THE POWER OF GOD)

HE IS RICH IN MERCY & LOVE

THIS IS ALL DIRECTED TOWARD US
"GOD"

HAS DONE A WONDERFUL THING FOR
US WHILE WE ARE LOST

"WITHOUT HOPE" WE MEET

THIS BLESSED BUT

GOD HAS QUICKENED US

"RAISED US" "MADE US"

"SIT TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES"

(IN CHRIST JESUS)

THIS MY BROTHERS & SISTERS

IS TRUE CHRISTIANITY

THE VERY ESSENCE THE
"REAL THING"

THIS IS:

IF I HAVE MADE MY DECISION TO TRUST
CHRIST — THE SAME POWER (VS 19-21)
GOD USED — TO RAISE CHRIST — FROM THE
DEAD — "HAS MADE US ALIVE" (2:1) —

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THE SPIRIT IS WORKING A — "SPIRITUAL"
WORK — IN THOSE WHO PUT THEIR
TRUST — "IN HIM" —

NOTE:

HE DOES "NOT SAY" — GOD IS "GOING TO"
— QUICKEN US, RAISE US UP — +
SEAT US IN HEAVEN — — PLACES —
IN CHRIST :

— HE SAYS — GOD HAS ALREADY "DONE SO" —

— HE "HATH" (THE "AORIST" TENSE) — IT IS
— "IN THE PAST" — "IT IS COMPLETED" —

"ONCE" & "FOR ALL" — A DONE DEAL —

"SO" — PAUL'S "PRIMARY CONCERN" — IN
(VS 4-7) IS TO EMPHASISE :

WHERE AS — "WE WERE DEAD" — NOW —
— "WE ARE ALIVE" —

FIRST:

I] IT IS GOD'S ACTION - ① "BUT GOD"

"SURELY" THIS CAN BE UNDERSTOOD ! ! ! !

① MAN WAS UNDER THE ~~WRATH~~ "WRATH"
OF GOD - "DEAD" - "NO LIFE" -
DOOMED - & COULD DO NOTHING
ABOUT IT -

② THAT CHRIST "WAS MADE MAN"
"ALIVE WITHOUT SIN" -

① BORN IN THE FLESH -

A MAN BORN OF WOMEN -
THUS - A LINAGE OF ADAM - BUT
"SPIRITUALLY ALIVE" - BECAUSE :

- HE WAS CONCEIVED "BY GOD" -

"BORN OF FLESH" - "LIVED IN THIS
WORLD" - WITHOUT SIN -

"SO"

② GOD SET HIM UP AS A SIN OFFERING -
FOR ALL MANKIND -
"BY"
CRUCIFYING HIM - HIS DEATH
PAID "DEBT OF SIN" WE OWED -
(NOTED IN V. 1)

③ HE WAS BURIED - (LIFELESS)
"GOD ACCEPTED THE SACRIFICE"
"BY"
QUICKENING - HIS DEAD BODY - &
RAISING IT UP - FROM THE GRAVE -
(SIGNIFYING)
HIS ACCEPTANCE, OF HIS SACRIFICE

II] IT WAS GOD'S LOVE ④
- "BY HIS GREAT LOVE" - FOR
MANKIND - FOR HIS CREATION -
- EVEN THOUGH - THEY LEFT HIM -
THE ACTION OF THIS LOVE - (ONLY
HE POSSESS) "MOVED ON MANKIND"
AND QUICKENED HIM (MADE HIM ALIVE)
"BY THE SAME POWER" WHICH RAISED
- CHRIST -

III] IT WAS GOD'S GRACE - (5-7)

HE HATH BY GRACE -- REGENERATED
"OUR DEAD SPIRIT" -- THAT IS!
"MADE IT ALIVE"

HE HATH SHOWN HIS GRACE -- HIS --
"EXCEEDINGLY GREAT KINDNESS"
"TO US" -- IN CHRIST JESUS

"SO NOW" --

"ALL WE NEED IS CHRIST JESUS"
-- TRUST IN HIM, BY FAITH --
-- AND --

IV] WE ARE IN FELLOWSHIP --
WITH HIM -- (6)

-- HE PLACES US ON THE THRONE --
"BECAUSE"

"WE ARE JOINED TO CHRIST" -- "HIS
LIFE IS IN US" -- WHICH PRODUCES
"A"

VITAL -- INDISSOLUBLE -- UNION

WHICH IS!

- ESTABLISHED & INTIMATE WITH GOD -

YOU SEE:

- THE LIFE OF THE HEAD - GOES THRU
THE MEMBERS - THUS:

"THAT RAISES US WITH HIM" - IN THE
"HEAVENLY PLACES" (C)

A VITA CONNECTION - TO LIFE IN CHRIST -

THUS: "THE MESSAGE"

- QUICKEN - RAISED - SEATED - IN CHRIST -

- IT IS ALREADY DONE (AORIST TENSE)

- REALIZE IT & REJOICE IN IT -

(VS 5) IN PARENTHESIS:

(BY GRACE - YOU "HAVE BEEN"
- - - SAVED)

"SAVED"

CONCLUSION:

IT IS GOD'S ACTION:

① GOD QUICKENED THE DEAD BODY OF
HIS SON - (DEAD IN THE GRAVE)

HIS WRATH - SATISFIED

② HE QUICKEN US - (WHO WILL RECEIVE
HIM), TOGETHER WITH CHRIST -

- HE QUICKENS US SPIRITUALLY -

"QUICKENS" - SIMPLE MEANS:
"TO IMPART LIFE"
(THAT IS)

- COME TO THE END OF DEATH -

③ "GOD SENDS US" - WHO HAVE BEEN
MADE ALIVE - BY THE SPIRITUAL
POWER OF GOD

"I AM NO LONGER DEAD" - "BUT"
"MADE ALIVE"

④ QUICKEN - MEANS (REGENERATION) -

WE SAID - AT THE BEGINNING - THIS IS
THE THRUST - OF CH2 -

"WHAT IS REGENERATION"

- IT IS AN ACT OF GOD - BY WHICH - A
NEW PRINCIPLE OF NEW LIFE - IS
"IMPLANTED" IN MAN - WHICH -
RESULTS IN "THE GOVERNING" -
POSITION OF THE SOUL - IS MADE HOLY -

GOD HAS PUT NEW LIFE IN ME - I AM
BORN ANEW - AND - MADE ALIVE -
IN UNION WITH CHRIST -

MAY GOD BY HIS SPIRIT - ENLIGHTEN
OUR UNDERSTANDING - SO WE CAN
COMPREHEND - THIS MIGHTY WORKING
OF GOD'S POWER IN US -

NEXT:

ALL THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE -

"BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH"

(2:8-10)

STOP