

Ephesians
Part II
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Three things to learn from chapter two:

1. All of us had the same problem...sin.

All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.
Ephesians 2:3 NLT

The nature of sin is both deceptive and destructive...

2. God is good and He wants everyone to know it...

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷*So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.*
Ephesians 2:4-7 NLT

God desires to prove to all that He is good to His kids...

3. Salvation is a gift that keeps on giving !

⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. *And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.* ⁹*Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.* ¹⁰For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT

You can't take credit for salvation, but you should take advantage of it!
(Draw from its benefits)

What makes salvation so powerful?
It effects each phase of our life...

Our past- justification

Our present- sanctification

Our future- glorification