

CHAPTER 2

God is Our Quickener (vs. 1)

- What does it mean to be quickened? To be made alive

The Walking Dead (vs. 1-2)

- ❖ Dead (nekros – corpse)
 - Look at these scriptures on the dead: Mat. 10:8; Mat. 11:5; Rom. 6:3-15
 - Were dead in sins and trespasses
- ❖ Paul says that these “dead” walked
 - How:
 - According to the course (aion: age) of this world – Eph. 1:21; 1 John 4:5; John 15:19
 - According to the prince of the power of the air (satan’s authority and realm) – Eph. 6:12; Luke 22:50-53; 2 Cor. 4:4; **Mar. 4:3-15**
- ❖ The spirit working in the children of disobedience
 - 1 Tim. 4:1; Mat. 3:7; Acts 26:14-18; Luke 4:33
 - Without faith – Deut. 32:7-20;
 - Jesus speaks of the truth that you can be a child of the devil – John 8:32-58
 - Children of the devil do what they want while children of God do what pleases God – Eph. 5:1,3,8,15

We’ve Been There (vs. 3)

- ❖ Let the past be the past – 1 Pet. 4:3-5 (MSG)
- ❖ In the past, we:
 - Were led by the lust of our flesh – Gal. 5:16
 - We did what our flesh and mind wanted us to do
 - Our nature was wrong – it was against God – Psa. 51:5

What God Has Done

- ❖ God intervened in our lives because He is – vs. 4
 - Rich in mercy – Rom. 10:12; Heb. 4:14-16; **Psalm 136**
 - He has great Love – John 3:16
 - He applied His Love to Us – 1 John 4:10,16
- ❖ He quickened us while we were dead (vs. 5) – Rom. 5:6,8; Rom. 6:4-5
- ❖ He has seated us in heavenly places (vs. 6) –
 - Where is Christ seated? Eph. 1:20
- ❖ He continues to show us how good He is to us – vs. 7

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Salvation By Grace (vs. 8-10)

- ❖ Grace is not without purpose: 2 Tim. 1:9
 - According to His Own Purpose and not ours – 2 Tim. 1:9; Eph. 3:8
- ❖ Saving grace operates through faith – vs. 8
 - You cannot separate faith from salvation – John 3:16; Rom. 5:1-2
- ❖ Works alone cannot save us – vs. 9; Rom. 4:4-5
- ❖ Our purpose: to walk in our God ordained good works – vs. 10; Hos. 2:23

The Unity of All Believers (vs. 11-22)

- ❖ Old Labels Don't Apply – vs. 11
 - Rom. 2:28; Col. 2:11
 - Uncircumcision was a derogatory term
- ❖ We should remember our old state and appreciate our new state of being in Christ
 - Without Christ
 - Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel – no blessings or spiritual benefits
 - Strangers from the covenants of promise
 - No hope – without peace, rest
 - Without God in the world – without safety
- ❖ We have been brought together by His Blood – vs. 13
- ❖ It takes God to bring us together – vs. 14
 - Common peace, common unity
 - No separation between us – 1 Cor. 1:13
- ❖ If we are not together, then we are not meeting in His Body – vs. 14-19
- ❖ We are built together upon:
 - The foundation of the apostles and prophets – 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 3:5
 - Jesus as the chief corner stone – Psa. 118:22; Luke 20:17
- ❖ In Christ, we fit together – vs. 21-22
 - God desires us to grow unto a holy temple in the Lord
 - God desires for His Spirit to live in us

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The Foundation of the House (vs. 20-22)

- ❖ No matter how pretty the building, it will not stand if the foundation is not sure – 1 Cor. 3:11-12;
2 Tim. 2:19
- ❖ So what is the foundation?
 - The apostles and prophets – 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 3:5
 - Acts 2:42-43 Apostle doctrine
 - Note the difference – 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Rev. 2:2; 1 John 4:1
 - Note the importance of the apostles and prophets – Acts 5:1-4
 - Jesus the cornerstone – Mat. 21:42; 1 Pet. 2:6; Psa. 118:22; Luke 20:17; John 15:4-5
- ❖ Jesus is the Master Framer, not us – vs. 21
 - Notice that growth manifests when the building is framed together “fitly”
 - FIND YOUR FIT
 - Goal of growth should be holiness – vs. 21 1 Cor. 3:16