

From Darkness to Light in Ephesians

ONCE WE WERE...	GOD'S ACTION ON OUR BEHALF	NOW WE ARE...
Dead (Eph. 2:1)	Death/Resurrection of his Son	Made alive in Christ (Eph. 2:4-5)
Under the dominion of Satan (Eph. 2:2)	Indwelling of the Son	Seated in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
Children of God's wrath (Eph. 2:3)	Propitiation through Jesus' death	Saved from wrath (Eph. 2:14)
Living in the "flesh" (Eph. 2:3)	The free gift of grace	Saved by grace (Eph. 2:8)
Separate from Christ (Eph. 2:12)	The blood of Christ	Members of God's household (Eph. 2:19)
Aliens (Eph. 2:12)	Access to him by the Spirit	Chosen in Christ (Eph. 1:4)
No hope—without God (Eph. 2:12)	To do more for us than we can ask or think	The body of Christ—Glorified (Eph. 3:20-21)
Far away from God (Eph. 2:13)	Brought back in Christ	Forgiven (Eph. 1:7)
Ignorant of the Gospel mystery (Eph. 3:5)	Making known to us the mystery through the apostles by the Spirit	Understanding the Gospel mystery (Eph. 3:4)
Infants in the faith (Eph. 4:14)	Giving us unity and knowledge	Maturing in Christ (Eph. 4:15)

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Contra Mundum

Peace...& Goodbye

Ephesians 6:21-24

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I. FINAL GREETINGS

- Tychicus, the Asian and likely Ephesian, is chosen to carry Paul's letters to Ephesus and Colossae (vs. 21; Col. 4:7-9).
- He had a good reputation in the Christian community and was active as one of Paul's traveling companions. His goal is to be an encouragement to the Ephesians (Acts 20:4-6; 2 Tim. 4:12; Titus 3:12).
- Peace, love and faith are Paul's prayer and hope for the Ephesians—all are gifts from God (Rom. 8:39; Phil. 4:7; 2 Cor. 3:13; 1 Tim. 1:14).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Ephesians 6:21-24

1. Paul wraps up all his letters by praying for peace/grace for the church family. What type of "peace" do you think he is talking about?
2. We talked a bit about where faith comes from on Sunday (vs. 23). What are your thoughts on that? Do we offer God faith, or does God offer us faith (or is it a both/and)?
3. What sticks out to you as your biggest take-away from our study through Ephesians?
4. Paul expresses a desire for grace to be given to those who love Jesus with a "love incorruptible" (vs. 24). What does that kind of love look like? Do you have that love? If not, how do you get it?
5. What are some application points for you from our study in Ephesians? In what ways, if any, will your life change?