

Ephesians 2:1-10: "In Christ: Our Spiritual Biographies"

Chapter One: What We Were – 2:1-3

- We were "dead" – 2:1; 4:18
 - ...makes self rescue impossible! – 2:8
 - We were "children of wrath" by nature – 2:3
 - ... God's wrath is His personal opposition to evil – Ro 1:18
- (We were without a conceivable exit)

Chapter Two: What God Did – 2:4-6

- But God loved us – 2:4
 - ...true love isn't blind; true love sees what no one else sees – Ro 5:8-10
 - ...true love sees the need behind the fault – Eph 4:29
 - God came in Person – Jo 3:16; 1:4
 - ...to be the Divine Solution to our human dilemma – Ro 6:3-11
 - ...to make us alive in Christ – 2:5-6
- (He makes resurrection living possible!)

Chapter Three: Why God Did It – 2:7-10

- To demonstrate the riches of His grace – 2:7
 - ...salvation is never our achievement/reward – 2:8-9
 - We are living illustrations of His workmanship – 2:10
 - ...the only "good works" are God's works – Lk 18:19
- (Our lives begin to sing "Amazing Grace"!)

Chapter Four: The One Being Written Now! – II Cor 3:3

- How Christ-possessed persons are becoming Christ-expressed persons – Acts 1:8
 - ...we are created to be receivers, containers, and expressers of His Life – Col 1:27
 - How we borrow from our heavenly riches in Christ to make it "on earth as in heaven" – Matt 6:10
 - ...we grow up where we are , not where we would prefer to be - Eph 5:20
- (We are learning to let Jesus Christ be Himself in us!)