

THE CHRISTIAN'S NEW REALITIES
(Overview of Ephesians)

OUR NEW LIFE: A Spiritual Biography

- Chapter One: What We Were - 2:1-3

...we were "dead" in transgressions and sins

..."by nature" - deadly wrong at the core

- Chapter Two: What God Did - 2:4-6

...He loved us, He loosed us, He lifted us up

...All by His doing

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

..."to the praise of His glory"

...we are His creation and re-creation story

- Chapter Four: _____

...How He makes us Christ-possessed and Christ-expressed persons - 1:11-12

OUR NEW COMMUNITY: Sharing Life in Christ

- We learn to live by God's love - 3:17-19

...union with Christ is union with one another - 1 Jo 1

...we are "joined-heirs"; "joined-members"; "joined-partakers" - 3:6

- Community in Christ is the culture of transformation here on earth - 4:11-16

...Communities of Faith: Truth sets the agenda - 4:15

...Communities of Hope: Passion for what is possible - 4:15

...Communities of Love: Think and choose in presence of love - 5:2

OUR NEW WALK: Worthy of the Calling

- Walk as a New Self - 4:20-24

...put off the old garments of the self-focused life

...put on the new garments of the Christ-focused life

- Walk in the Light - 5:8-14

...the inner-stance of being honest/real - II Cor 12:9

...the inner-stance of worship - 5:20

...the inner-stance of love - 5:2