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“THE EPHESIANS EPISTLE”
Chapter 2:1-3

THESIS: It is irresponsible to resist the many calls of God to the Holy and ultimately Eternal Life God offers you.

INTRODUCTION

The church is the body of Christ. Is made up of spiritually born again believers. They have heard God’s Call to come out from among the world of disbelieving, disobedient and defiant men. The men are the anti-God, the anti-Christ and anti-Holy Spirit. They disregard the Divine Righteousness of God. They belittle his sovereignty. They blind themselves from knowing God’s Will and Purpose by miseducation, materialism and misleading. However, God’s Call is to any unworthy, sinful man, who hears, or will hear His Invitation to whosoever will to come into His Presence, the knowledge of Him. He is building up the church, the body of Christ with the unworthy, undeserving and unholy who will turn to God with a “godward attitude,” through Christ Jesus.

In chpt. 2 the Holy Spirit leads the Apostle Paul to address the life of the believer before Christ is accepted as God’s Grace for sinful man’s salvation. In the first 3 verses, the believer’s life is sen before he comes to Christ.

The Believer’s Manner of Life Before Christ

The believer’s way of life prior to Christ becoming his Savior is one of trespasses and sin, following the course of this world and being under the power of Satan.

I “Trespasses & Sins” (v. 1)

- A. Trespasses - to fall away; a blunder; a false step; a deviation from uprightness and truth. Heb. 6:6; Matt. 6:14-15.**
- B. Sins - a missing the mark; a governing principle or power; in Rom. 6:6 “sin” is spoken of as an organized power, acting through the members of the body, though the seat of “sin” is in the will (the body is the organic instrument). Rom. 6:23**
 - 1) Dead; 2) Deceived; 3) Dark**

II “The Course of this world” (v. 2)

The course, the path, the way of this world is canal: man’s nature is fleshly, sensual and controlled by his fleshly appetite. He is governed by human nature instead of the Spirit of God. Ref. Romans 6; & 8.

- 1) Wicked - evil; bad; lawless; malicious (intending to do evil)
Eph. 6:16; 2 Thess. 1-12**
- 2) Willfulness - voluntary; willingly
Heb. 10:26-39**
- 3) Waywardness - a wondering; a forsaking of the right path.
Self-willed; or perverse (deliberately, stubbornly departing from what is required. Ref. Jam. 5:19-20; Mk. 13:19-22**

III “Under the power of Satan” (v. 3)

Unbelievers living in trespasses and sins are under the power of Satan, who is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). In his unholy character is pride, rebellion, deceitfulness, sowing discord, idolatry, false witnessing, competition.

- 1) Satan works in the children of disobedience**
- 2) Satan works through desires and lusts of flesh and mind**
- 3) Satan keeps the unregenerated man living under the wrath of**

God.