

Renewing Our Vision for 2021
“The Transformation of God’s Children”
Ephesians 2:1-

A Supernatural Change of Our Identity

Our Time in Romans 8: The Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Our Teacher!

Our Challenge to Control How We are Thinking

Our Life as a Product of the Spirit Re-Producing Jesus in Us

Starting Today: Ephesians 2

Our New Identity “In Christ”

Introduction to Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-14:

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit’s Redemptive Work

Ephesians 1:15-23:

Paul’s prayer for depth

in our understanding and relevance

The “Before” and “After” Picture (Ephesians 2:1-10)

1. Paul’s Description of Our Life without Christ. (Eph.1-3 2)

A Reality in which we are Dead because of Our Nature

- Corrupted spirit (Influenced by self and deceptive spirits)
- Dominance of false and self-justifying thoughts (mind).
- Dominance of physical appetites (body).

Our Nature: Spirit, Mind and Body

Our Spirit: Was Corrupted and Deceived

Our Mind: A reflection of Our Spirit in our Thought Life

Our Body/Behavior: A reflection/manifestation of How with Think

The “Before” Picture: No Hope and In Trouble

2. Paul’s Description of Our Life with Christ in Us. (Eph. 2:4-6)

God’s Motivation: Mercy and Love

God’s Transformation of Our Lives:

Made us alive, Raised Us Up, Seated us beside Him

The “After” Picture:

A Supernatural Transformation of Who We Are

We Now Possess the Life of Privilege

- It is natural to focus on what we see in the mirror or what others think and say about us.
- It is basic conviction of all people who have known God throughout time that we walk by faith and not by sight.
- It is a life-altering redirection of our lives to see ourselves as God now sees us because of what He has done for us.