

Study on Ephesians, chapter 2

Verse 1: And you hath he **quickened**, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

We were dead because of our trespasses and sins. The evil that entered this world through Adam infects all mankind born of Adam (this is why Jesus' father in the flesh was not Adam). And Evil brings sin, and sin brings death.

James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust (lust is Evil), and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: **and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.**

However, the Good News (the Gospel) is that even while we were yet in our trespasses and sins, God sent Jesus Christ to redeem us by paying the penalty for our sins, which is the penalty of death. The word Quickened as defined below is a word whose meaning is bursting with Life: from physical Life, to the Life of the Soul and Spirit. This word also signifies the process of Salvation by comparing it to the germination of a plant. Life is sown in the Heart of the Believer, and in the process of Time, it germinates, and grows, and becomes a tree, which brings forth much fruit, if it is watered and nourished by Faith in Jesus Christ. As long as the Believer remains a Believer, that is, the Believer continues to Believe in Jesus Christ, God will continue His work in the Believer, and Life will continue to grow in the Believer's Soul and Spirit, and even in the body!

Quickened definition: [G2227](#) ([Thayer](#)) / ζωοποιέω zōopoieō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to produce **alive**, begat or bear **living** young
- 2) to cause to **live**, make **alive**, give **life**
 - 2a) by **spiritual power** to arouse and invigorate
 - 2b) to **restore to life**
 - 2c) to **give increase of life: thus, of physical life**
 - 2d) **of the spirit, quickening as respects the spirit, endued with new and greater powers of life**
- 3) metaphorically, of **seeds quickened into life, i.e. germinating, springing up, growing**

Verse 2: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Before becoming citizens of Heaven through Faith in Jesus, we were all citizens of the world, whose god is Satan, the father of lies. Satan's lies are like the atmosphere of air just above the Earth; Satan uses this air to spread his lies through the lying information given to us since birth. Information is transmitted through the Air (the atmosphere) into the minds of people; in modern times we understand that information comes through the 'Airwaves'. Information is transmitted through sound; sounds of words that we hear from parents, from teachers, through TV, radio, internet; but it also is also transmitted directly into the minds of people through thoughts. The spirit of the god of this world, the spirit of Lies, is working constantly to feed information into

the Mind to try and prevent people from accessing the information of Truth contained only in God's Word, The King James Bible in the English Language. So, this whole world is enveloped in a fog of lies created, and spread, by **the father of lies, who is the prince of the power of the Air, or we can rephrase the expression 'the prince of the power of the air' as 'the principality, that is the power that works through the air.'** This principality turns mankind into children of disobedience by inciting lusts in the flesh and in the mind, and thereby makes men into children of wrath, which has been the natural state of man since the Garden of Eden.

2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world **hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Blinding of minds is accomplished through filling people's minds with false information, which is always spread through the airwaves that fill the atmosphere above the surface of the Earth. Wireless transmission is not new (nothing is new under the Sun); God, and Satan, both communicate with man wirelessly, and have done so since the Beginning.

Verse 4: But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

God is a parent, the Father, the Creator, who has made all things: out of all the things that He has made, He has set His Love upon Man above all other creatures, including angels, and chose Man to be His sons, to be His children, to be His heirs. Because His Love for Man is so great. God could not bear to leave Man dead in his sins, and therefore He took it upon Himself to save Man from his trespasses and sins. This is the meaning of Grace: God brought the gift of Salvation to Man, without Man even wanting to be Saved! Man did not understand the trap of death into which he had fallen, and from where he could never Save himself; therefore, God had to do everything that was necessary to bring this Salvation to Man, and He offered this Salvation to Man as a gift, without any cost! Thus, Man has been given the opportunity to be Saved by **Grace through the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Grace in the Greek is the word Charis, from which we get the English word Charity**, which means to give gifts, or bestow favours upon someone, out of Love and affection, not for gain or profit.

GRACE G5485 (Thayer) χάρις Charis / Thayer Definition:

1) **grace**

1a) that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech

2) **good will, loving-kindness, favour**

2a) **of the merciful kindness** by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues

Verse 6: And hath **raised us up** together, and made us sit together in **heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7** That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

As we previously read, the prince that controls this world exercises his power through the Air (the atmosphere) that is just above the Earth. Satan is not sitting in the Heaven of God, which is the Highest point in all Creation, but just above the surface of the Earth, in the very near atmosphere. It is obvious that people are on the ground (for the most part), close to the surface of the Earth, and therefore, the prince of the power of the air is not sitting above the firmament but has his transmitting spirits, like cell towers, located close to the surface of the Earth. The reason a Believer is able to break free from the fog of lies that surrounds and blinds the minds of people (**2 Cor. 4:4**), is because the Believer is **RAISED UP**, not just from death to Life, but is literally relocated **to much higher Heavenly Places**, all the way to the Throne of God, where Christ sits at the right hand of God. In the Heavenly Places, Satan cannot reach the Believer, therefore, God's Information begins to flow into the heart and mind of the Believer, and this is how the Believer becomes a New Creature by having his mind transformed through new information that is now available to him as a citizen of Heaven, which was not accessible to him as a citizen of this world because his mind was controlled by the prince of the power of the Air. Believers can choose to remain on the ground, as mind-controlled slaves of Satan, if they refuse to study the Word of God, and to Pray, and to continue to Believe in Him, who is The Most High rather than in the prince of the power of the Air, as they did when they knew not Christ! So, don't take your Salvation, and your freedom from the lies of this world, for granted: the prince of the power of the Air will not leave you alone just because you may have become born-again through Faith in Jesus Christ; no, the battle for your heart, and mind, will just have begun when you are born-again, and it will continue all the days of your life in this body! It is imperative for a Believer to keep his mind focused on God (**Isaiah 26:3**), and to set his affection on things above, not on things on the Earth. **Colossians 3:1**: If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** **3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. How Great God's Grace towards us has been will only become apparent in the ages to come. Even those of us who Believe in Him, have very little comprehension of the Riches of God's Grace, which He has bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, in His Great Love, Mercy, and Kindness that He has showered upon us, according to His own Will and Choice, not because of our righteousness.

Verse 8: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

We are saved by Grace; it is the Gift of God; even the Faith we need to be Saved by Believing in Jesus Christ is a Gift from God. There are no works that we can do to be Saved; if we could work to be Saved, as for example by obeying the Commandments and Law of God, then Jesus would have not needed to die for us, then we could take credit for our Salvation! However, Man cannot save Himself, which is why God had to send us A Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. Many people use these verses of Scripture to teach the '**Once Saved, Always Saved**' false doctrine, that no works are required of a Christian. However, as I have explained in many videos, **there is a world of difference between being Saved by works, and between having our Faith tested by works after we first believe!** Works, after being Born-Again are evidence of a Christian's Faith; evidence that the Believer is being tested, as we all must, and passing those tests. Where there is no change in a Believer, after having Believed; change that can only be evidenced through his works, neither will there be any Salvation, that is a Promise we have been given in the present, but its fulfillment is yet in the future.

Video links to my teachings on OSAS false doctrine.

- <https://youtu.be/O7fwXipMCPE>,
- https://youtu.be/PcfkNos_k8o,
- <https://youtu.be/mgAJcamow6E>,
- <https://youtu.be/bmgruama2bE>,
- <https://youtu.be/94If7ILg0P4>,
- <https://youtu.be/cwtXOd7-dwY>,
- <https://youtu.be/V2RMP9LUZT0>

Verse 10: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Everything written in the NT, and even in the OT, tells us over and over that we are God's Handiwork (the work of His Hands), as is all of Creation. Moreover, everything that exists must serve the purposes of God, or else it would not exist. All the works of God are good, as we can read in [Genesis 1:31](#) And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, **it was very good**. Just like God's works are good, God has made us to become capable of doing the works of God, by being conformed to His Image, which means that He has chosen us to be equal in Character to Jesus, who is The Image of God. Let's look at the meaning of the Greek word **IMAGE** as used in [Hebrews 1:3](#) where we are told that not only is Christ The Image of God but He is The **EXPRESS IMAGE**, which translates as being, an exact duplicate, as being identical in **CHARACTER** to God.

[Hebrews 1:3](#) Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person...**

Since God is not flesh and blood, the word '**IMAGE**' is referring to the Character of God, what He is on the inside, in His Heart and Soul; the word **Image** in the Bible never refers to the body where it concerns God. The word Image does refer to bodies but as well, but that is in reference to idols, never to God. God has chosen mankind, out of all his creatures, to become identical in Character, in their inner man to Jesus, who is identical in Character to God the Father. As I have taught previously in several articles and videos, [Genesis 1:27](#) does not refer to Adam, but rather to Jesus Christ, who is the First Person in all Creation to be fully conformed to the Image of God The Father, **to be equal in character to Him. The very purpose of Creation has been to bring forth a Race, or A SPECIES, of Creature that would be identical to God in their inner being, in their minds, in their hearts, in their purpose, in their will, in their thoughts, and in their desires, in their character, to be an exact copy of the Image of Christ, who in turn is an exact duplicate of the PERSON of God, which is LOVE. The first such Being in all Creation, who is One with God The Father is Jesus Christ, who is the Express Image, the exact duplicate of God's Person.** Although commonly taught that Adam was created in God's Image, meaning in God's Person and Character, this is simply not true; had Adam been the Image of God, there would have been no need for Jesus to come and suffer and die for mankind, to transform man into that image if man already was perfect in God's Image, already had the Character of God. Had Adam already possessed the Character of God (been God's express Image, like Jesus), he would not have succumbed to the serpent's temptation, just as Jesus did not succumb to Satan's temptation, when He was tempted before the beginning of His Ministry. As the following Scriptures repeatedly teach us in the NT, Jesus is the Image of God, and only

through Him would Adam, or any of his children, come to bear the same Image, or Character, as that of God; only through Faith in Jesus can Mankind be transformed into the Image of God, become God-kind, that is the New Creatures, the New Race, the New Species in Christ, that would be perfect in Love, even as God is perfect in Love, being that God is Love. This process began in the Garden of Eden with Adam but was finished in Jesus Christ, first of all, after His Resurrection from the dead. This is the workmanship that God began long before the Garden of Eden, long before Adam was even formed, and placed there, and finally now, at the end of many ages, has this work been completed, first of all in Christ Jesus, and then in those who will believe in Him, and be changed into His Image.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The workmanship of God has made it possible for us believers in Christ to be **CHANGED**, which means to be **Transformed**, to be **Metamorphosed** (like a caterpillar into a butterfly), into that Same IMAGE, as that of Christ's Person. This could only have happened as a process, in the process of time, not something that could have been programmed into Adam at the time, when he was formed from the dust of the ground.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ, who is the image of God**, should shine unto them.

Colossians 1: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **15 Who (JESUS) is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:

Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after **the image of him (JESUS)** that created him:

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son (JESUS)**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

The word Image in the Bible means copy, but what did God want to copy of Himself in Mankind? The answer is in Hebrews 1:3 where we read that Jesus is an '**Express Image**' of God's '**Person**' but what is meant by Person in this Scripture? Please study these definitions of the word **Image** and **Person** in Hebrews 1:3 to understand what God has been doing since before the beginning of Creation; what has been His purpose in Creating anything at all, but specifically in creating Mankind, who has given him such heartache and pain since the Garden of Eden?

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Thayer Definition:

- 1) the instrument used for engraving or carving
- 2) the mark stamped upon that instrument or wrought out on it
- 2a) a mark or figure burned in (Lev 13:28) or stamped on, an impression

2b) the exact expression (the image) of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect, i.e facsimile

The word **Image**, in Hebrews 1:3 is the word **Charakter** in the Greek language; this word has been transliterated as **CHARACTER** into the English Language. In the Greek it meant an Engraving made from an original that was an exact duplicate of the original; in the case of Christ Jesus, He is an engraving, or copy, made from an original, which is God the Father. And **that which was copied onto Jesus is the PERSON of God**. Jesus is God in His Inner Person, but Man in His Body; He is the First God-Man in God's Creation, the Firstborn, the First-Begotten, and only after Him would it be possible for God to beget more God-Men, more God-Children, more God-Sons; Adam was a mere man, he was not a God-Man, and therefore, not the Image of God, as is falsely taught.

1 Corinthians 15: 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit **that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural**; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**

It will require a separate study on the above quoted passage from **1 Corinthians 15**, that clearly makes a distinction between Adam and Jesus Christ; this passage, and numerous other portions of Scripture prove that Adam was a mere natural soulish man, not a Spiritual God like being, unlike Jesus, who is not only like God but is identical to God's Person, is an exact copy, literally a clone of God's Inner Being! The meaning of the word translated **PERSON** in Hebrews 1:3 reveals that it is not referring to the body of a creature but the very essence, the very substance, the very nature of that person that defines what that person is beneath the outer shell of the body. Since God the Father is Spirit and not Body, **the word Person in reference to Him means His Inner Being, His Heart, His Mind, His Soul**. God wanted to make for Himself a family of beings that would be identical to Him in their heart, which is the only way they would understand God's Heart; He wanted a race of beings whose minds would be identical to His own, so they could understand His Thoughts; this is how these beings, though created beings, would be able to have a perfect relationship with their Creator because they would be **ONE PERSON with God**. This is what Jesus prayed for all His disciples in **John 17:21: That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. That which will make us One with God, and Jesus, is the fact that we will have been transformed on our Inside from the person of Adam to the Person of God, and this work God alone could do; this is why we are **His Workmanship, created to be Good**, even as He is Good, and therefore, fully equipped to do the works of God, which are always Good. What people fail to understand, and filthy lucre loving preachers and teachers do not understand (and therefore cannot teach) is that everything that has happened in God's Creation from the very beginning of Creation must have happened exactly the way it happened to serve the purposes of God: Evil had to arise, and to grow, and mature; Adam and Eve had to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; Death had to come; Jesus had to die for us, and be Resurrected from the dead: and unless all these things had happened Mankind could never

have been transformed into the Person of God, become His Image and copies, perfect in Love, as He is Love. All Glory, and Honour, and Praise be to God for the Great Work that He has finished in us, and which will be revealed to all Creation in the Ages to come!

Verse 11: Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

The rest of chapter 2 of Ephesians, Paul, who was the apostle to the Gentiles, is teaching them what an invaluable Gift they have been given, that they have been made citizens of Israel, even though they were not of the blood of Israel, or of Abraham, through Isaac, and Jacob. The word CITIZEN, means a member of a particular city: in the old days, most major cities were countries also, so people were not necessarily citizens of nations, but rather of cities. To have citizenship in Israel, and therefore, to have access to God, required birth as an Israelite, to have the blood of Israel, the blood of Jacob, running through their bodies. There were complicated ways by which Gentiles, could convert, or acquire citizenship in Israel, as an Israelite, but it was uncommon. Even then, being an Israelite did not bring automatic Salvation, since even a Gentile, who converted to be an Israelite, still needed to fulfill the Law of Moses, which no man could do. The word Gentile in the Bible simply means ethnicity, or race, and means any race, other than the race of Israel. Salvation had been promised to Israel through the Messiah, but this promise was not made to the Gentiles, and therefore, they were without God, and without hope in this world. But God, who is Rich in Mercy, never intended Salvation to be limited to one race, or one nation only; in Israel, His hope had been that they would be lights for the rest of the dark world, and would bring the Knowledge of God to the whole world. But, as we read in the Bible, rather than leading the world to Godliness, the Israelites became followers of the ungodly nations around them, and even became leaders in ungodliness, surpassing the deeds of the wicked. So, when God revealed His Salvation by sending His Only Begotten Son to die for us, He did not limit that Salvation to Israel only, but offered that Salvation to all mankind making even the Gentiles the citizens of Heaven, just like the children of Israel. In our world today many people want to migrate to the USA, and become the citizens of the country; what God did for the Gentiles is like the President announcing that the whole world could now have US citizenship without any cost, as a free gift. Whereas prior to the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, the knowledge and Salvation of God was available only to those who were the blood of Israel; but now, through the blood of Jesus, the Knowledge and Salvation of God now became available to all mankind, making them

all equal before God! No longer was the citizenship of Heaven limited to the children of Israel, but it was now available to the Gentiles, meaning any and all races and all ethnicities, that were previously shut out from the commonwealth of Israel.

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; **21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: **22** In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The purpose of this great work that God began ages ago has been to build for Himself a living Body, a Temple, made not of Stone, but of Living beings, in whom God would dwell through the Spirit. It is hard to imagine but the workmanship that God is working in us is making us a Living building; a building that is alive, can think, and feel, and communicate, with the owner of the building, which is God. Every part of that building will fit together perfectly, will work in perfect harmony with God, and with every other part of the building. Being a living building, we will not need to come in from the outside to be with Him, as the Israelites did, when they went in to the Temple, made of stone. God will not dwell in just one Holy Place, to which only the High Priest had access, and that only once a year; but God will be all in all of the members of His Body, His Living Temple, whether they were Israelites, or Gentiles in the days of their existence in a body of flesh and blood. I cannot tell you, or explain to you what this will be like, it is like trying to imagine what Heaven is like; we just cannot know until we get there; but I do know that it is going to be so much greater than anything I can imagine, that I think it is a waste of time to even try and imagine what it will be like. All Praise and Honour and Glory and Power and Salvation and Blessing and Thankfulness be to God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ who have given us a gift whose value far exceeds all the riches in all of creation; a gift whose value we will probably never be able to fully comprehend because it is truly incomprehensible, like God's Love that passes understanding!