Ephesians 2 (Part 1) :1-7 Discussion Questions

- The teaching began talking about how intriguing before and after pictures can be. What before and after advertisements or displays tend to catch your attention the most?
- Why do you believe the Apostle Paul wanted to give the Ephesians this picture of their lives before and after coming to Christ?
- **Read verses 1-3**. What description of the before picture do you find most dire and why?
- Since we start off dead and alienated from God, how did that separated condition affect the way you lived before coming to Christ?
- In **verses 1-3** Paul talks about what three elements that dominated our lives before Christ? (The world, the devil and the flesh.)
- What should we think when we see the word “but” in a passage like this? (That the author is setting up a contrast for us to see.)
- **Read verses 4-7**. What was God’s motivating factor for making us alive in Christ?
- Paul writes that God made us alive “...**even when we were dead in our tresspasses**…” What does that tell you about our condition before we were saved? (We were hopeless to do anything about our condition.)
- What do you believe **verse 6** means?
- Read aloud the following comment on verse 6 to your group

Not only have we been made alive with Christ; we have also been raised up with Him. Just as death and judgment are behind Him, they are behind us also. We stand on the resurrection side of the tomb. This is our glorious position as a result of our union with Him. And because it is true of us positionally, we should live as those who are alive from the dead. — *Believer's Bible Commentary*

- What will God display in you in the future eternal state? (**2:7**)
- How is your life displaying the immeasurable riches of His kindness today?

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- How can we best project the “after picture” that Paul is painting here for unbelievers to see?
- What would you say is the most important element of the “after picture” to convey to those outside of Christ?
- How can we help and encourage one another to more effectively display the transformation that Christ has brought into our lives?

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