Ephesians



The Darkness and the Light

Background

Author: Paul

■ Recipients: Ephesian believers

■ Place: Rome / Prison



Background

- Purpose: Preventive maintenance
- Theme: The believers' wealth and walk

- Outline:
 - ◆ Orthodoxy 1-3
 - ◆ Orthopraxy 4-6



What Is It About?

The believer's wealth is described to help believers live in accordance with it.



What Is Inside?

Our Trinitarian Blessings

■ Blessings (1: 3-14)

- ◆ Chosen by Father
- ◆ Redeemed by Son
- Sealed by Spirit



■ Prayer for comprehension (1:15-23)

Dead (2:1)

■ Two types of death

◆ Physical (Gen 2:16-17)

◆ Spiritual (Isa 59:1-2)

Demonically Influenced (2:2)

- Satan's authority
 - ◆ John 12:31; 2 Cor 4:4



- Satan rules the world
 - ◆ Luke 4:5-7; 1 John 2:15-16

Depraved (2:3a)

- Our inherited nature
 - ◆ Rom 5:12

- Works of the flesh
 - ◆ Gal 5:19-21



Doomed (2:3b)

■ God's holiness (Isa 6:3)

Man's sinfulness



Our collision course (John 3:36)

The Darkness (2:1-3)

■ Dead (2:1)

Demonically influenced(2:2)

■ Depraved (2:3a)

■ Doomed (2:3b)



Made Alive (2:5)

■ Formerly: dead

■ *Presently*: regenerated

Authority Transferred (2:6-7)

- Formerly: demonically influenced
- *Presently*: seated with Christ



Saved by Grace (2:8-9)

■ Formerly: doomed



■ *Presently*: recipient of grace

Saved Unto Good Works (2:10)

■ Formerly: depraved

Presently: walk according to good works

Man's Problems; God's Solutions

Problems

- Death (2:1)
- Demonically influenced (2:2)
- Doomed (2:3b)
- Depraved (2:3a)

Solutions

- Life (2:5)
- Authoritytransferred (2:6-7)
- Grace (2:8-9)
- Good works (2:10)