

## **New Life Christian Fellowship**

### **Bible Study**

### **Ephesians Chapter 2**

Welcome to the second of six studies of the Book of Ephesians.

In Ephesians Chapter 2 we learn that Christians are saved by grace. We also learn when we become Christians, we're not who we used to be and we're filled with new life and have the blessings of God's kindness and eternal gift to us.

You'll also learn about how we're members of one body in this second chapter of the Book of Ephesians.

Your learning comes from reading and studying the Bible.

#### **Day One**

1. Ephesians Chapter 2 starts off with the words "*And you*" or "*As for you...*" in the NIV, which signifies a shift in focus or a comparison with the previous topic.

To what or whom are the sinners dead in their sins being compared?

2. Who is the ruler of the kingdom of the air?

3. From the first three verses of Ephesians Chapter 2, describe 3 things that sinners follow.

#### **Day Two**

1. As mere men and women we will never act as merciful as God, and we will never demonstrate as great a love as God our Father.

Aside from the obvious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, what's the greatest human act of mercy or love that you have witnessed or heard of in your life?

2. What's the difference between mercy and grace? Can you have one without the other?

3. In verse 2 we see the name of the devil given as the *prince of the power of the air*, or the *ruler of the kingdom of the air* in the NIV.

What are some other names God gives him from the following verses not found in the Book of Ephesians?

- Matt 4:3
- John 8:44
- John 12:31
- I John 5:19
- Rev 12:9
- Rev 13:8

### **Day Three**

1. Cite three reasons for our salvation given in verses 1 through 10.

2. Describe people's lives before salvation from the following verses. In fact the verses describe each of our lives without Christ. So start each with the words, "I was..." and then add the characteristic from the verse provided.

- According to verse 1, I was . . .
- According to verse 2, I was . . .
- According to verse 3, I was . . .
- According to verse 5, I was . . .
- According to verse 12, I was . . .
- According to verse 13, I was . . .

### **Day Four**

Now describe people's lives after salvation from the following verses from Chapter 2. Thank God the verses describe each of our lives with Christ, so start each with the words, "I am..." or "I will be..." and then add the characteristic from the verse provided.

#### **In verse 5**

- I am . . .
- I am . . .

#### **In verse 6**

- I am . . .
- I am . . .

#### **In verse 7**

- I will be . . .

#### **In verse 8**

- I am . . .
- I am . . .

#### **In verse 9**

- I am . . .

#### **In verse 10**

- I am . . .
- I am . . .

#### **In verse 13**

- I am . . .

- I am . . .

#### **In verse 16**

- I am . . .

#### **In verse 18**

- I am . . .

#### **In verse 19**

- I am . . .
- I am . . .

#### **In verse 22**

- I am . . .

### **Day Five**

1. In Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 14 through 18, we see the “*the two one*” in verse 14; “*of the two*” in verse 15; the word “*both*” in verse 16; and the words “*we both*” in verse 18.

Explain the use of these words. What do they refer to?

2. If God was reading the following words to you from His instruction book – Ephesians Chapter 2, verses 8 through 10 – Which words would **He** emphasize?

***“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith (and this not from yourselves, it is my gift) not by works, so that no one can boast.***

***For you are my workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which I prepared in advance for you to do.”***

3. How should we act towards people of different religions?

Should we become acquainted with someone of another faith at work or as a neighbor and they do not wish to hear about our God, how should we act towards them?

What about people who are hostile towards Christians?

### **Day Six**

1. In the following verses from Ephesians Chapter 2 cite what God has accomplished “in Christ Jesus”.

- Verse 6
- Verse 7
- Verse 10
- Verse 13

2. What's a cornerstone and why do you think Jesus Christ was described as a cornerstone?