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*Standing In Christ: Paul's  
Letters to the Galatians,  
Ephesians, and Philippians*

**Part 2**

**Paul's Letter to the Ephesians  
Riches Beyond Measure In Christ Jesus**

**Week 8**

- Part One: The Position of the Christian (1:1-3:21)
- I. Position of the Christian (2:1-3:13)
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**Introduction: *From ESV Notes***

1. **Ephesians 2:1–10**, *Salvation by Grace through Faith*. This section, like 1:3–14 and 1:15–23, is a single sentence in the original Greek. The overarching theme is that God lavishes his grace on Christians through his saving initiative. There are two subsections: 2:1–3 and 2:4–10.
  2. **Ephesians 2:11–22**, *Unity and Peace of Christ*. Paul continues the theme of the new creation which he introduced in v. 10. In the previous sections God had been the main subject of the action, but now the focus falls on Christ Jesus and his redemption. There are three subsections: vv. 11–15, 16–18, and 19–22.
  3. **Ephesians 3:1–13**, *Revelation of the Gospel Mystery*. Paul explains his calling and ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles. This was to assure his Gentile readers that their share in the inheritance is authentic because of its divine origin.
  4. **Ephesians 3:14–21**, *Paul's Prayer for Strength and Insight*. Paul resumes his thought broken off in v. 1 and reports his prayer for the readers' strength and understanding of God's power (vv. 14–19). He concludes by blessing God (vv. 20–21).
- I. Position of the Christian (2:1-3:13)
- A. The Christian's Position Individually (2:1-10)
1. Old Condition: Dead to God (2:1-3)
    - a. Trespasses and sins
    - b. Original sin (birth condition)
  2. New Condition: Alive to God (2:4-10)
    - a. Made us alive (to make one alive together)
    - b. Positioned us with Him (see 1:20)

- c. In order to show forth His glory
- d. Done solely by His grace; nothing of us
  - i. ...salvation is...by grace...through faith...this is not your own doing
  - ii. ...in the context of this verse, both grace **and** faith are not of your doing, they are both a gift of God!
- e. We are His masterpiece created for good works
  - i. After salvation, good works are what we now can do...
  - ii. *Workmanship* (ποιεμα) - God's creative work...masterpiece

## B. The Christian's Position Corporately (2:11-3:13)

### 1. Recognition of the Jews and Gentiles (2:11-22)

- a. Jew and Gentle: one new man (2:11-15)
- b. Jew and Gentile: one new building (2:16-22)

### 2. Revelation of the Mystery of the Church (3:1-13)

- a. Gentles are fellow heirs, members of the body, partakers of the promise
- b. The Church was God's intent to show His divine attributes to the fullest

## II. Prayer for Realization (3:14-21)

Standing In Christ: Week 8

- A. Strengthened with power by the Holy Spirit
- B. Rooted and ground in love
- C. Comprehend the fullness of God's plan
- D. Know Christ love
- E. Filled with the fullness of God
- F. Doxology