EPHESIANS
FINDING AND LIVING OUT OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

ellettsville CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Part 2: Raised Up
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Scripture: Ephesians 2

Bottom Line:
The key to the Christian life is to understand what it means to be "_____ _____."

Two of the most significant words in the whole Bible: _____ _____

4 Contrasts between being "in Christ" and "in sin":
We go from

1. _____ to _____
2. _____ to _____
3. _____ to _____
4. _____ to _____

Jesus came to abolish the _____ law and fulfill the _____ law.

"The church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ...God became man for no other purpose." – C.S. Lewis

Talk It Over
1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. Do most people think of themselves as good or bad? How do you see yourself? Explain. How does Paul's description of anyone outside of Christ as "dead" align with your answers?
3. Chuck said that two of the most significant words in the Bible were "but God". Describe a time in your life where you experienced a "but God" moment.
4. In verse 3, Paul says that those outside of Christ are objects of God's wrath—an attribute of God that is rarely discussed. How can God be a God of love and mercy, as well as a God of justice and wrath? How could a better understanding of God's wrath affect the way you view God's grace?
5. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. In your own words, explain the relationship between grace, faith, and works.
6. According to Ephesians 2:11-22, Christ's death on the cross brought peace between Jews and Gentiles, and also between Jews, Gentiles and God. What other social, ethnic or relational barriers did Jesus remove?
7. When the New Testament writers used the word 'peace', they drew on the Old Testament concept of "shalom". More than simply an absence of conflict, this Hebrew word carried the idea of righteousness, complete human flourishing, God's created intent for us, or simply "the way things ought to be". How does that fit with your understanding of peace?