Ephesians
Chapter 2:1-5

I. **Ephesians 2:1**[1]And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
   a. "You"
      I. **This is the Gentile believer that Paul is referencing. This will be key in this chapter. "ye" will be used in verse 2 and then "we" in verse 3 regarding Paul and his Jewish background.**
   b. Hath he quickened
      I. **These words are italicized in the King James Bible. They do this in transparency to show that these were added for understanding and not in the original Greek.**
      II. **To be quickened means to be made alive. This makes sense, since the verse is dealing with those who "were" dead. But it clearly is addressing them in a different state per the verse context and even going back to Ephesians 1:19.**
      III. **Colossians 2:13**[13]And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
   c. Trespasses and sins
      I. **Trespasses- Greek word** *paraptoma*- Strongs Con. a side-slip (lapse or deviation), i.e. (unintentional) error or (willful) transgression:—fall, fault, offence, sin, trespass.
         1. **Gives the idea to fall beside, stumbling and fallings.**
      II. **Sins- Greek word** *hamartia*- Strongs Con. a sin (properly abstract):—offence, sin(-ful).

1. **To miss the mark, errors and mistakes.**

III. Adam

1. An interesting fact is that it wasn't until Romans 5 that the Bible addresses Adam's sin and death being passed down as a result. After Genesis 3, the Bible is silent until Romans 5.
    a. **Romans 5:12**[12]Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
    b. **I Corinthians 15:45**[45]And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

IV. You

1. **Death**
    a. **Romans 6:16**[16]Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
2. **How can they be dead, but now alive when they didn't physically die? We are essentially a trinity. We are body, soul and spirit. People are spiritually dead in sin and trespasses. The soul never sleeps (I Thess. 4:13).**
    a. **I Thessalonians 5:23**[23]And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
        i. **The word of God is a sword to the soul and spirit (Heb. 4:12).**

II. **Ephesians 2:2-3** [2]Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of

disobedience: [3]Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

a. Time Past
    I. **This is represented to both Jew and Gentile with the "ye" and "we". We see this detailed out in Romans 3 as well.**
        1. **Romans 3:9-12**[9]What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved **both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;** [10]As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: [11]There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. [12]They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one
        2. **Romans 3:23**[23]For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

b. Walked
    I. **Walked means to go…to live. Often it is used to reference works and behavior. The past tense "walked" aligns with "Time Past". This is the only time in this epistle that Paul uses it in the past tense. All other times, it is the singular as he exhorts them how to go presently and in the future.**
        1. **Ephesians 2:10- walk in them (Good works).**
        2. **Ephesians 4:1- walk worthy**
        3. **Ephesians 4:17- walk not as other Gentiles**
        4. **Ephesians 5:2- walk in love**
        5. **Ephesians 5:8- walk as children of light**
        6. **Ephesians 5:15- walk circumspectly**

c. The world

I. **Course of the world gives the idea of the world's system. We are told to not conform to this world by Paul in Romans 12:1-2.**
   1. **Romans 12:1-2**[1]I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. [2]And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

II. **Jesus explained to the disciples the importance of not loving the world.**
   1. **Mark 8:36**[36]For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

III. **John said he that loveth the world, the love of the Father is not in them.**
   1. **I John 2:15-17**[15]Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16]For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. [17]And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

IV. **Demas loved the world and forsook Paul**
   1. **II Timothy 4:10**[10]For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

V. **This was the past tense of what these believers were. They were delilvered from that past.**
   1. **Galatians 1:4**[4]Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

d. Prince of the power of the air
   I. **II Corinthians 4:4**[4]In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
   II. **Luke 4:4-6** [4]And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. [5]And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. [6]And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
   III. **John 12:31**[31]Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.
      1. **See also John 14:30 & John 16:11.**

e. That now worketh in the children of disobedience
   I. **Satan always wants to mimic God. Remember in Ephesians 1:19…**
      1. **Ephesians 1:19** [19]And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
   II. **Notice that Satan works is his children just as God in His power works in us.**
      1. **Acts 26:18** [18]To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
      2. **Luke 22:3** [3]Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.
      3. **Matthew 16:23**[23]But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an

offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

4. **Ezekiel 28:2** [2]Son of man, say unto the **<u>prince</u>** of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a God, I sit *in* the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:
5. **Ezekiel 28:12** [12]Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the **<u>king</u>** of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

f. <u>We all had our conversation in time past</u>
   I. **The "we" goes back to Jew and Gentile. We know the Gentiles had no hope, were far from God. Romans 1:18-32 details plenty of what was going on with the Gentiles. But, Israel had the covenants of promise and still fulfilled the lust of the flesh. In Exodus 32, they made a golden calf after Moses went to Mount Sinai for 40 days. They murmured over manna. They had to be reminded under the law, time of Kings and prophets, to not sacrifice their children to Molech (Lev. 18:21, II Kings 16:1-3, Jeremiah 19:3-5, Ezekiel 20:31). Even Solomon didn't get rid of this.**
      1. **I Kings 11:7** [7]Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

g. <u>By nature children of wrath</u>
   I. **John 8:44** [44]Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

II. **Romans 9:22**[22]*What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

III. **I Corinthians 2:14**[14]But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

1. **The "list" passages all detail who we were and what we produced in our spiritually dead condition (I Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 5:5-6, Galatians 5:21).**

III. **Ephesians 2:4-5**[4]But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [5]Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

a. <u>But God</u>

I. **Not us cleaning up, but God.**

b. <u>Mercy</u>

I. **Hebrews 4:16** [16]Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

II. **I Peter 1:3** [3]Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

c. <u>Love is the motivation</u>

I. **His mercy is a result of His love.**

II. **I John 4: 9-10** [9]In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. [10]Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

III. **II Corinthians 5:21** [21]For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

d. <u>Even when</u>

I. **Romans 5:5-10** [5]And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. [6]For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. [7]For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. [8]But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. [9]Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. [10]For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

e. Quickened together with Christ
   I. **We are now spiritually alive in Christ.**
      1. **Romans 8:17** [17]And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

f. By grace are ye saved
   I. **We will deal with this more in depth on next week's lesson.**
      1. **Ephesians 2:8-9** [8]For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: [9]Not of works, lest any man should boast.
      2. **Titus 3:5** [5]Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;