



“Don’t leave your first love!” (Revelation 2:4)

A Study of the Book of Ephesians

Lesson Three = THE LIFE OF CHRIST (Ephesians 2:1-10)

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Introduction: For the past two weeks we have noted the sad condition of the church in Ephesus. I have suggested that if the Ephesians had applied Paul’s letter to them, they would have avoided the condemnation they received from Jesus in **Revelation 2:1-7**. Jesus was disappointed that they had left their first love! They left Him for the world. In Ephesians Paul is trying to show them why they should love Jesus. The first reason was His blessings, second was His power, but the third reason why we should fall in love with Christ... is the quality of life we can have in Him! Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. Life in Christ = Abandoning the World (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- A. Abandon the Wretched Life
- B. Abandon the Wayward Life
- C. Abandon the Wrath of God

II. The Life in Christ = Accepting the Way (Ephesians 2:4-6)

- A. Accept the Way of Love
- B. Accept the Way of Life
- C. Accept the Way of Learning

III. The Life in Christ = Acknowledging the Walk (Ephesians 2:7-10)

- A. Acknowledging the Walk in God
- B. Acknowledging the Walk in Grace
- C. Acknowledging the Walk in Good Works

Conclusion: We are all “UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT” and we have to learn to be patient with one another. Our new life in Christ is going to be difficult. We are all trying to find our place in the Body of Christ. The problem is that we often fall back into the old pattern we return to our old ways and look like the old man. The prophet Jeremiah asked, *“Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?” (Jeremiah 13:23)*. The truth is, we are ALL sinners, we are ALL lost and undone, and we are ALL separated from God by a wide chasm of sin, but Jesus can bridge that gap! Are you ready to be under new construction? Are you ready to start a new life in Christ Jesus? Have you walked away, but now are ready to return to Lord? Start your new life in Christ today!