



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

A Study of the Book of Ephesians

Lesson Four = THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST (Ephesians 2:11-22)

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Introduction: In **Revelation 2:1-7** we read a letter from Jesus to the church at Ephesus. In that letter, Jesus tells the Ephesians that He was disappointed that they had left their first love. They left Him, for the world. In this series we are considering some of the things that Paul taught regarding Jesus in his letter to them. We are looking at 12 reasons we should fall in love with Jesus. This particular section of Scripture reminds Christians that we are a part of something bigger and better. We are a part of the kingdom of God! In God’s kingdom there are certain rights and privileges that no one can take away from you. These new things were not available to those under the old law. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. Kingdom People Benefit From A New Promise (Ephesians 2:11-13)

- A. The Sense of Belonging
- B. The Spiritual Birth
- C. The Saving Blood of Jesus

II. Kingdom People Benefit From A New Position (Ephesians 2:14-18)

- A. A Position of Peace
- B. A Position of Prosperity
- C. A Position of Prominence

III. Kingdom People Benefit From A New Purpose (Ephesians 2:19-22)

- A. One United Building With One Foundation
- B. One United Body With One Head
- C. One United Bride With One Resolution

Conclusion: In Christ we have a new promise, a new position, and a new purpose. The question we have to ask ourselves is: “What are we going to do with these things?” When we are added to the kingdom of God how should it affect our everyday walk? How can we be salt and light? What good is kingdom living if we choose to be invisible to the world? Isn’t it time we let God use us for His glory? Are you ready to walk with Jesus every day? Are you ready to surrender to Him fully? The kingdom is advancing. You should be too.