**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

*“Back to the Basics”*

**Intro:**

You’ll never appreciate all that you **have** in Christ until you fully grasp who you **were** **before** Christ!

1) Without a relationship with Jesus Christ, all people are **dead** in sin and incapable of any spiritual good

2) Without a relationship with Jesus Christ, all people are **blinded** by and held captive by a supernatural being named **Satan**.

3) Without a relationship with Jesus Christ, all people are under God’s **wrath** and sentenced to eternal **torment** in a real place called the Lake of Fire (hell)

* **We were under the power of the world’s ways.**

*Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the* ***course of this world****…*

*The Attack:* ***Value*** *what everyone else values.*

*Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

*1 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.*

*Rom 12:2*

*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.*

* **We were under the power of the world’s leader.**

*Eph. 2:2* …*according to the* ***prince of the power of the air****, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

*John 16:11*

*11 Of judgment, because the* ***prince of this world*** *is judged.*

*Eph 6:12*

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*2Cor 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.*

His attack: **Lies**

*Eph 6:10-17*

*10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

* **We were under the power of our own fleshly nature.**

*Eph 2:3*

*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.*

*“Prolonged suffering is the result of a constant pursuit of satisfying temporary desires and feelings”*

The attack: Go with your **feelings**

* **We were under the condemnation of God’s wrath**

*Eph 2:3*

*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.*

*Eph 5:5-6*

*5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*

*6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things* ***cometh the wrath of God*** *upon the children of disobedience.*

*2 Thess 1:7-9*

*7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,*

*8 In* ***flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God****, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

*9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;*

**Eph. 2:4 BUT GOD!**