

## **Christ: Our Mediator**

Ephesians series: Part 3

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### **JESUS CHRIST:** Ephesians 2:1-7

Before Christ:

- Disobedient, sinner —> spiritually dead
- Obeyed the devil - doing whatever you want without thought to God
- “Subject to God’s anger” or deserving of His punishment

Because of Christ:

- New Life in Christ
- Raised from dead with Christ
- Seated in heavenly places with Christ (position & authority)
- United with Christ - His life in mine/yours
- Example of God’s grace & kindness to all

1 Timothy 2:4-6

- God wants EVERYONE to be saved
- Jesus Christ gave His life to purchase freedom from sin & death for EVERYONE
- WHOSOEVER believes, will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)

### **Christ: Your Mediator with God**

*Mediator:* go between, reconcile, bring about peace between 2 parties, to settle dispute

1. Reality Check: Ephesians 2:1-3

- You either serve God or the devil
- Sin separates you from God & requires a penalty/payment
- You deserve punishment for sin

2. “But God”: Ephesians 2:4-9 NLT

- God’s plan & initiation
- It’s only by God’s grace you are saved!
- You cannot earn salvation by being good or doing
- You cannot outweigh your sin by good works
- Jesus died for you so you can live and have relationship with God
- Salvation is a GIFT not a reward
- Salvation only comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone (Acts 4:12)

3. ”But Now”: Ephesians 2:11-14a

- Before Christ, you were an outsider - excluded from covenant promises of God
- Lived without God & without hope
- Separated from God BUT NOW UNITED
- Far away BUT NOW brought near
- BUT NOW there is PEACE between you and God

### **Christ: Our Mediator between different people groups:** Ephesians 2:14-21

- All people are united in Christ
- One New People
- No longer separate from each other - but united as ONE in Christ
- Jesus breaks down the walls of hostility that separates people groups
- ALL members of God’s family
- ALL being BUILT UP TOGETHER
- ALL the Holy Temple of God - His dwelling place

God’s plan from the beginning:

Revelation 7:9-12 “ from every nation and tribe and people and language”

