

Ephesians 2:1-10

Two parallel sections in chapter 2:

1. 2:1-10 – presents the believers as having gone from death, sinfulness and bondage to spiritual forces to life, union with Christ and destined for good deeds
2. 2:11-22 – presents the Gentiles as being far from God and outside his covenant to having been brought to God (along with the Jews) into a New Covenant position.

There will be a noticeable connection between Jesus' resurrection and ascension in Ep. 1:20-21 when compared with the believer's new birth and union with Christ in Ep. 2:5-7. The same power that raised Christ from the dead has raised the believer from separation with God (which is also death):

1. 2:5 – Made alive with Christ
2. Raised from the dead with Christ (1:19, 20 and 2:5,6)
3. Seated with Christ in heavenly realms (1:20 and 2:6)
4. Destiny for the coming age (1:21 and 2:7)

General Outline 2:1-10:

1. 1:1-3 – Man in his **sinful condition**
2. 1:4-7 – The **love of God and his mercy** towards sinful, undeserving man
3. 1:8-10 – **The salvation** God has provided and given sinful man

2:1-3

1. Paul describes his readers' pre-salvation condition
 - a. Environment – "*the ways of this world*" (2:1-2)...the World (***kosmos***)
 - b. Inner Sin Nature – "*the cravings of our sinful nature*" (2:3)...the Flesh (***sarka***)
 - c. Supernatural Bondage to Evil Spiritual Enemy – "*the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work*" (2:2)...the devil (***Satan***)

2:4-7

2. We who were objects of God's wrath have received mercy
 - a. Environment – in the love of God (2:4)...no longer objects of wrath, but subjects of love
 - b. Inner Nature – made alive (2:5)...no longer separated from God, but united in spirit
 - c. Supernatural Spiritual State - raised us up with Christ (2:6), which is far above are spiritual rule and authority (including Satan) in this age and the next. So, no longer in bondage to the ruler of the kingdom of the air.