

You were
dead in
your sins...

But
God

...made us
alive with
the Messiah

BUT GOD... — PART 3: US + THEM = WE

Oct 12, 2014 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Ephesians 2:11–22

▶ Christ is _____, not an “upsell.”

John 17:3; John 20:31; 1 John 5:20

- An Unbeliever is without

Ephesians 2:12

- Without _____ : missing the Messiah
- Without _____ : no citizenship
- Without _____ : God’s promises
- Without _____ : The Ephesians had gods but not GOD.

▶ _____ in Christ everything changes!

Proverbs 16:7; Daniel 2:21; Romans 12:18

- Vertical peace _____ horizontal peace.
- Now _____ group (*Ephesians 2:14*)
- Now _____ new man (*Ephesians 2:15*)
- Now _____ body (*Ephesians 2:16*)
- Now _____ through One Spirit (*Ephesians 2:18*)

▶ God takes an us and them to make a _____ !

Romans 10:12–13; Ephesians 2:19–22

Before Christ (*Ephesians 2:12*)

- Without Help
- Without Belonging
- Without Foundation
- Without Hope
- Without God

After Christ

- In Christ and near to God (*Ephesians 2:13*)
- Members of God’s household (*Ephesians 2:19*)
- Christ is Cornerstone (*Ephesians 2:20*)
- Called to Hope (*Ephesians 4:4*)
- Indwelt by God (Holy Spirit) (*Ephesians 2:22*)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

Previous: *Ephesians 1:17–19*

Current: *Ephesians 2:4–5*

“But God, who is abundant in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. By grace you are saved!”

Ephesians 2:4–5

WEEK AT A GLANCE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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GIVING — WEEK ENDING OCT 5, 2014

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Giving	\$668,753
MISSION 1:8 Weekly Goal	\$609,890
MISSION 1:8 Over/(Under) for October	\$58,863
Other Designated Giving	\$38,854

MISSION 1:8 YTD \$60,745,465

(Giving to MISSION 1:8 is from Mar 2013–Feb 2015)

ATTENDANCE OCT 5, 2014

Life Bible Study (all campuses)	4,765
Mission Bible Study	316
Total Bible Study	5,081
MidLink (The Loop)	2,124

DECISIONS OCT 5, 2014

Baptized

Kevin Satterfield

For Baptism

Kimberly Zbranek

From Other Fellowships

Austin Anderson

Allyn Eder

Lauren Haffner

Matt Horne

Jade Koo

Matthew Koo

Andrew McMichael

Alex Tipton

Laura Troth

Nicole Woods

Statement

Meg Harley

Robert Woods

SYMPATHIES

- Les & Carolyn O'Neal (Deacon/Staff) in the loss of his mother, Lolita O'Neal. Survivors: Allen & Dana O'Neal, grandchildren; Hailey O'Neal, great granddaughter.

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