



ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

an Ephesians study

HUB GROUP NOTES | MAY 16, 2021 David Anderson

LIFE BEFORE CHRIST (Ephesians 2:1-3)

1) As a HUB group, come up with the top 5 things people might express when they are confronted with their sin:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2) When you get caught in sin, what's your very first response/reaction to the accusation?

Why do you think this is your response?

Read Ephesians 2:1-3 in two different translations

3) Identify the 3 areas that hold humanity in bondage.

The world, Satan and our own flesh nature are the compelling powers that have led all humanity into bondage.

4) What does it mean that we were "dead" in our trespasses and sins?

Paul uses the word "dead" to characterize this bondage. Some commentaries say that Paul is describing cause and sphere. We are dead because of our sins and we are dead in our sins. One who is dead has lost all ability to function, reason or sense. To be dead is to be lifeless. To be dead is to be unable to help oneself. To be dead is to be absolutely powerless. To be dead is to be beyond hope in ourselves.

5) On Sunday, Anderson argued that liberation comes not in denying our depravity, but in declaring our depravity and our utter dependency on the grace on God.

Why do you think denial and blame hold us in bondage, and declaring our depravity begins the process of liberation?

6) Do you have someone in your life that you can declare your depravity to? Why or why not?

2021 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people - the Nyamwezi - by 2030.