

What We Were Before Salvation

Ephesians 2:1

“And you being dead in your trespasses and sins.” Where is the word *“quickened??”* NOT THERE. You find it down in verse 5! This is not necessarily a bad translation, but it’s just NOT in the original. This verse is literally a continuation of the previous two verses in chapter one.

The word here is *“KAI”*

- Adjunctive use – ALSO
- Ascensive use – EVEN
- Continuative use – AND

LOOK again at those two verses – Read [Eph. 1:22, 23](#).

- Jesus Christ is supreme
- Everything subordinated to Him
- Absolute sovereignty

In this church age – He is to be FIRST.

The reason, now, for this chapter is to show what we were before salvation, and how we should really feel now towards the Lord Jesus Christ as His family, the Church, the BODY.

Before we check the next word in this verse let’s get an outline:

CHAPTER 2 – OUTLINE:

[1-10](#) – A magnificent view of grace

[11-17](#) – Grace and the barrier

[18-22](#) – Grace and the Church Universal (All born again believers)

Vs. 1-3 – How Grace Found Us

[vs. 1](#) – Found us DEAD-Spiritually

[vs. 2](#) – Under control of Satan

[vs. 3](#) – Under control of OSN

What We Were Before Salvation (Continued)

We have learned from the very first word in this verse that this verse is connected to [Ephesians, chapter 1:22, 23](#) and that the Lord Jesus Christ is in control. He is Sovereignty, Righteousness, Justice, Love, Eternal Life, Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Immutability and Veracity.

He has everything subordinated to Him. He is totally in charge. *“The steps of the (in harmony) believer are directed by Him.”* Reference: [Psalm 37:23](#) *“The Lord directs the steps of the Godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.”* Then in [Proverbs 20:24](#) we read: *“A person’s steps are from the Lord.”*

After appreciating a simple little conjunction “AND” in [vs. 2](#), now we go to the next little word “YOU” that looks like this in the Greek “ὁμᾶς.” Let us now analyze: *“And YOU being dead ...”* DEAD – nekrous – νεκροὺς
Before we talk about “DEAD” let’s consider the word “YOU” a bit more.

- This word is plural and refers to everyone.
- Though everyone it is still personal.
- This means that when Grace found us – we were all in the same condition:
PHYSICALLY ALIVE AND SPIRITUALLY DEAD! (Consider here some [Questions Related to Death](#)) SPIRITUAL DEATH IS ONE OF THE SEVEN DEATHS – WE MUST COMPREHEND!

“DEAD” is the noun “*nekros*” – νεκρός, in the acc. case, pl., which means that when GRACE found us, we were not dead physically but dead spiritually.

“in trespasses and sins”; this is the locative of sphere – *“in the sphere of trespasses”* – παραπτώμασιν, from paraptomi (παράπτωμι), meaning *false step*; this means *to violate a divine demand (law)* – now we again have the locative case of sphere – *sphere of sin*.

The word SIN is hamartia ἁμαρτία, meaning *failure to “hit the mark”*.

SIN IS MISSING THE MARK!