

According to the Word

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

How are you this morning? May you just sense the presence of the Lord even as we share His Word. I am going to **Ephesians, chapter 2** and, if you have a Bible to hand, you might just glance at these verses, and continue to read them actually when I go off the air. I want you to know that we love you and we are concerned for you. We are praying for you. We are asking the Lord to do a work in your life, that He might have total control. But you say, “I am not too sure where my life stands. I am all mixed up.”

Ephesians chapter 2 shows something about the state and condition that everybody is found in in this world. There is nothing common to man, except this area that whatever color you are, whatever country you come from, whatever language is your first language — this is us; this is how we are born. This is how we are described.

It talks about, in **verse 2** - . . . **in time past**. . . *before we came into Christ* - . . . **ye walked**. . . *according to the course of this world* . . . **according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**. You know, that is pretty frightening, isn't it? In other words, we are all like robots. We are under the control of somebody, who we do not even realize is

controlling us. We are governed and it's as if every decision we make is being manipulated by the one, who, for this period of time, is being allowed by the Almighty God — ***the prince of the power of the air***. This is Satan we are talking about, God's enemy. Some of us don't realize the things that are happening around our life, that we are under attack by the very one, who has the control of us. Isn't that frightening?

Do you know it says, in this same passage, that we are ***dead***? (**verses 1 and 5**). We are like walking corpses! We exist, we breathe, but we have no spiritual life. As far as the things of God are concerned, we are absolutely cold, clammy, callous; we are not eager; we are not enthusiastic to respond. Actually, some of us are even so contaminated and so corrupt right now, we could be in prison! We could be in some terrible situation. We think, "What in the world happened to my life?" We didn't realize there was a ***prince of the power of the air***, and the circumstances that have been coming at us, ever since we were little, were all being directed to take us from God.

Nor did we realize, too, that -according to **verse 3**- our behavior and **conversation** has been according to . . . **the lusts of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind: and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others** -*just like everybody*

else! Could you imagine it? We could look the most religious or we could look the most ungodly, but we are being controlled; we are being held. Yes! We are not on some strange television program of people coming in from another world in some fantasy fiction thing being thrust in our mind; we are being controlled in our mind; we are slaves to the god of this world. And that is how some of us find ourselves this morning.

It is a very grim outlook. This trinity of evil: the world, the flesh, the devil, has a firm grip on our soul. However can we be free? How can we be free? What do we do? There is a little verse. Hold on to it. **Verse 4** — Read it after I go off the air. Take it for yourself. **In Ephesians 2:4 -**

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath made us alive together with Christ (by grace are ye saved). *By grace (we) are saved!* Are you willing to be saved by grace? Are you willing to say, *Lord, I want out from Satan! I want to totally renounce any allegiance to Satan. I want to be free from the bondage of Satan. I want to be into Christ. And by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, do that for me. I pray in Jesus' Name.*

If you mean that, write to the station. There is a book, *Your Quest for God*, that has been written for you to help you to understand how you

can come into Christ, how you can grow in Christ, and how you can live through Christ for His glory.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.