

# Ephesians 2

New Living Translation

<sup>2</sup> Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, **obeying the devil**—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup> For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What is the big difference between dogs and humans?

Does God really get angry or is it more that he gets frustrated and disappointed?

How is the crucifixion of the ego liberating?

Can you think of something you are doing to feed your ego?

### Other Notes:

### February/March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
23	Su	Luke 13			2 Chronicles 7	
24	Mo	Luke 14			2 Chronicles 8	
25	Tu	Luke 15			2 Chronicles 9	
26	We	Luke 16			2 Chronicles 10	
27	Th	Luke 17			2 Chronicles 11	
28	Fr	Luke 18			2 Chronicles 12	
1	Sa	Luke 19			2 Chronicles 13	
2	Su	Luke 20			2 Chronicles 14	

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## Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

### A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

### B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

### C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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# Questions, Part 2

This is a new adult Bible study based on the questions you have asked. Put these dates on your calendar and hold on to your hat because we will be exploring some of the nitty-gritty topics addressed in Scripture.

## February 26

The Women in Ministry Debate: Are girls created to serve boys and be submissive? Are we created equal with complimentary roles? Is gender irrelevant for spiritual authority?

## March 5

The Millennium Debate: When will Jesus return? Should I only take short-term investments? Will there be a rapture? Will there be a physical return of Jesus to this earth?

## March 12

This final session will be a potluck with “preacher’s pork” and time to discuss the next Bible Study.

For this session we will talk about “The Hell Debate: Does hell exist?” Does God mandate unending torment of the wicked? Do we simply cease to exist after we die if we reject Jesus?

## Special Senior: Bill Birr

*Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.*

## Announcements

*Please give a warm welcome to the two newest members of the Laketon Bethel family,  
Kendall Kuharevicz and Jessica Bogue.*

**Family Profile Project** If you would like to participate to have your family highlighted, please pick up the profile form and send a picture and information to Mike Lyons at [lyonsmike61@gmail.com](mailto:lyonsmike61@gmail.com).

**Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Lock-In & Breakfast** We will have a Lock-in/ Winter Adventure Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at 2:00pm. There will be sledding followed by dinner. After an overnight stay, we will serve a pancake breakfast following both services Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If there are any adults who would like to help prepare and serve the breakfast, please see John or Ashley Wierenga. No charge for the breakfast, but donations are appreciated and will help fund the Youth Group. We hope to see everyone there!

**Jr. High J.A.M.** Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We started a new study that’s focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Our Jr. High JAM group will also get together during our time to support Hand2Hand.

**Women’s Divorce Group** We’re offering a women’s support group one Wednesday a month at 6:30pm at Park Meadows. We will gather in the small meeting room on the east end. For any questions, please contact Heather Wilke at (231) 215-8593.

## Service Opportunities

**Sacred Suds** Sacred Suds is an organization that helps the homeless. It offers showers, laundry, technology and housing by appointment. They are in need of many items and the list is on the table in the entryway. For any questions, please see Lois Cordle or call her at (231) 286-5700.

**Books for Kids** We are asking for new or gently used children’s books to establish our “Books for Kids” lending library. The age groups are from early childhood to 10 years old. There is a collection bin in the entryway. For any questions, please see Deborah Groenveld or call her at (231) 206-0198.

## Volunteers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley, Theresa Schiltz
- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Connie Reahm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Jill Mouw, Larry Hecksel

## Order of Worship-9:00am

- Gathering Song
- “I Choose to Believe”
- Call to Worship
- “He Has Made Me Glad”
- “This Is the Day”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “All Because of God’s Amazing Grace”
- “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”
- Crosstalk - “Obeying the Devil”
- Offering
- “Word of God Speak”
- Benediction
- “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”



## Order of Worship-11:00am

- Gathering Song
- “He Reigns”
- Call to Worship
- “Made to Worship”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Reception of New Members
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “Wonderful Maker”
- “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
- Crosstalk - “Obeying the Devil”
- Offering
- “Chain Breaker”
- Benediction
- “The Blessing”