

## “GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [Part 3]

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**INTRO:** We're in a series of messages on the book of Ephesians. Today we're going to focus on the theme “One New Humanity in Christ” from Ephesians chapter 2.

### **I. MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST (2:1-10)**

- A. You were dead in sin but have been made alive in Christ (v. 1; Rom. 3:23; 1Jn. 1:8; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 1:13).
- B. When you were dead in sin you lived accordingly (vv. 2-3).
- C. You're no longer dead *in* sin but dead *to* sin (Rom. 6:1-2, 6-7, 11-12).
- D. You've been made alive with Christ (Eph. 2:4-5).
- E. You are seated with Christ (Eph. 2:6). Act like it!
- F. You are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8-9).
- G. You are God's workmanship (work of art) (2:10).
  - 1. You are not saved *by* works, but *for* works.

### **II. MADE ONE IN CHRIST (2:11-18)**

- A. Remember where you came from (v. 11)!
  - 1. You were without Christ, having no hope and without God (v. 12).
- B. You are now close to God by the blood of Christ (v. 13).
- C. You are a part of a new humanity (vv. 14-18).
  - 1. To live out that reality you have to replace your past cultural identity (inferiority/superiority).

### **III. MADE A DWELLING PLACE IN CHRIST (2:19-22)**

- A. You are now members of God's family/household (v. 19).
  - 1. You belong in God's family (1Pet. 2:5).
- B. This household has an apostolic & prophetic foundation with Jesus being the chief corner stone (v. 20).
- C. We are in a process of being fitted together (v. 21).
  - 1. Are you yielding to the fitting process?
- D. Once fitted together we can be built together (v. 22).
- E. God is preparing His church to be His habitation!

**CONCLUSION:** Have you been made alive in Christ? Are you yielding to the fitting process? It's time to Grow Up & Get to Work!