

# Ephesians 2:1-3

## Ephesians 2:1 – “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins”

2532 [e]	4771 [e]	1510 [e]	3498 [e]	3588 [e]	3900 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	266 [e]	4771 [e]
kai	hymas	ontas	nekrous	tois	paraptōmasin	kai	tais	hamartiais	hymōn
1 καὶ	ὑμᾶς	, ὄντας	νεκροὺς	τοῖς	παραπτώμασιν	, καὶ	ταῖς	ἁμαρτίαις	ὑμῶν
and	you	being	dead	the	in trespasses	and	the	sins	of you
Conj	PPro-A2P	V-PPA-AMP	Adj-AMP	Art-DNP	N-DNP	Conj	Art-DFP	N-DFP	PPro-G2P

1. “and you”
  - a. Second person, emphatic
  - b. Anticipates 1:11, “you Gentiles”
    - i. Although 1:3 makes it clear the Jews were not in better standing
2. “dead” means spiritually separated from the spiritual life of God
  - a. Colossians 2:13 – “When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.”
3. “Trespasses” or “Transgressions” is from the Greek *parapromata* which means “lapses”
4. “Sins” is *hamartiai* which means “shortcomings.”
  - a. The repeated words indicated the multiple ways and times we were completely failing to manifest the life of God in our own existence.

## Ephesians 2:2 – “in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—”

1722 [e]	3739 [e]	4218 [e]	4043 [e]	2796 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	3588 [e]	2889 [e]	3778 [e]	
en	hais	pote	periepatēsate	kata	1	ton	aiōna	tou	kosmou	toutou
2 ἐν	αἷς	ποτε	περιεπατήσατε	, κατὰ	1	τὸν	αἰῶνα	, τοῦ	κόσμου	τούτου
in	which	once	you walked	according to	the	age	the	world	of this	
Prep	RelPro-DFP	Prtcl	V-A/A-2P	Prep	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	DPro-GMS	

2796 [e]	3588 [e]	758 [e]	3588 [e]	1849 [e]	3588 [e]	109 [e]	3588 [e]	4151 [e]	3588 [e]	3568 [e]	
kata	2	ton	archonta	tēs	exousias	tou	aeros	tou	pneumatou	tou	nyn
κατὰ	2	τὸν	ἄρχοντα	τῆς	ἐξουσίας	τοῦ	ἀέρος	, τοῦ	πνεύματος	τοῦ	νῦν
according to	the	ruler	of the	authority	of the	air	the	spirit	-	now	
Prep	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Art-GNS	N-GNS	Art-GNS	Adv	

1754 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3588 [e]	543 [e]
energountos	en	tois	huiōis	tēs	apeitheias
ἐνεργούντος	ἐν	τοῖς	υἱοῖς	τῆς	ἀπειθείας
working	in	the	sons	-	of disobedience
V-PPA-GNS	Prep	Art-DMP	N-DMP	Art-GFS	N-GFS

1. This verse 2:2 is Paul providing details about our dead condition that produced constant transgressions and sins. The sentence/thought of 2:1 will not be resumed until 2:5 because now Paul is going to explain in depth our dead condition before Christ.

2. Notice “once you walked” is often translated “once lived”. This typical Greek word **periepatesate** is used consistently in the LXX to refer to the manner of life (frequent in LXX translation of Psalms) and means “walk about.”
3. #1 above -The Gentiles “life style” or “walking about” was in line with “the age of this world” or “*aion...kosmou*” (“age...world”) and means the Gentiles lifestyle fit both the time and space in which they were living:
  - a. Aion = time
  - b. Kosmos = space
    - i. See both words in 1 Corinthians 3:18-19 to capture the essence: “Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this **age**, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this **world** is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness.”
4. #2 above - “Ruler” (**archon**) of the “authority of the air” (**exousias tou aeros**).
  - a. Archon –
    - i. 1 Cor. 2:12 – “Now we have received not the spirit of the world (**kosmou**), but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.”
    - ii. 2 Cor. 4:4 – “In their case the god of this world (or, “age” - **aionos**) has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”
  - b. Exousia –
  - c. Aeros –
    - i. “air” literally means the atmosphere around the globe
    - ii. Cosmology of Paul’s day understood this to be the abode of demons
5. “working”, **energountos**, (“operating”, “at work”)
  - a. This verb is Present tense and Active voice
  - b. This evil spirit’s “working” is contrasted by Paul with the Holy Spirit’s “working” in 1:11,19, 20:
    - i. 1:11 – “according to the purpose of him who **works** all things according to the counsel of his will.”
    - ii. 1:19 and 20 –“the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the **working** of his great might that he **worked** in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.”

**Ephesians 2:3 – “among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”**

1722 [e]	3739 [e]	2532 [e]	1473 [e]	3956 [e]	390 [e]	4218 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	1939 [e]	3588 [e]
en	hois	kai	hēmeis	pantes	anestraphēmen	pote	en	tais	epithymiais	tēs
3 ἐν	οἷς	καὶ	ἡμεῖς	πάντες	ἀνεστράφημέν	ποτε	, ἐν	ταῖς	ἐπιθυμίαις	τῆς
among	whom	also	we	all	lived	once	in	the	desires	of the
Prep	RelPro-DMP	Conj	PPro-N1P	Adj-NMP	V-AIP-1P	Prtcl	Prep	Art-DFP	N-DFP	Art-GFS

4561 [e]	1473 [e]	4160 [e]	3588 [e]	2307 [e]	3588 [e]	4561 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	1271 [e]	2532 [e]
sarkos	hēmōn	poiountes	ta	thelēmata	tēs	sarkos	kai	tōn	dianoioñ	kai
σαρκὸς	, ἡμῶν	ποιοῦντες	τὰ	θελήματα	τῆς	σαρκὸς	, καὶ	τῶν	διανοιῶν	; καὶ
flesh	of us	doing	the	things willed	of the	flesh	and	of [its]	thoughts	and
N-GFS	PPro-G1P	V-PPA-NMP	Art-ANP	N-ANP	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Conj	Art-GFP	N-GFP	Conj

1510 [e]	5043 [e]	5449 [e]	3709 [e]	5613 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3062 [e]
ēmetha	tekna	physei	orgēs	hōs	kai	hoi	loipoi
ἡμεθα	τέκνα	, φύσει	, ὀργῆς	, ὡς	καὶ	οἱ	λοιποὶ
we were	children	by nature	of wrath	as	even	the	rest
V-IIM-1P	N-NNP	N-DFS	N-GFS	Adv	Conj	Art-NMP	Adj-NMP

- “among whom we all lived” – We also walked side by side the sons of disobedience.
- Here the word “lived” is **anestraphemen** (not **periepatesate**) which means:
  - “to turn to and fro” and “to turn back”
  - “to dwell” and “to live”
  - “to behave or act according to certain principles”
  - “to return”
  - “to conduct”
- “Flesh” – *sarx*, refers to more than just the body, but to the whole man which has fallen (spirit, soul, body, emotions, intellect, will, ambition, ect.). This is the sin nature of mankind.
  - “desires of the flesh”
    - “desires” *epithymiai*, can be good or bad depending on source
    - “desires” is plural, so it indicates multiple levels and areas of desires. This is much more than lust, sexual desire, gluttony. It is an entire operating system of the sin nature of man.
  - “doing the things willed of the flesh”
    - “doing” is **poiountes**
    - “willed” (“desires”) is **thelēmata** means “dictates” or “demands”. Literally means “things willed”
  - “(doing the things) thought (of the flesh)
    - “thoughts” is **dianoiai** refers to the projects entertained by the mind in uncontrolled fashion. It is more than just the mind or a thought.
    - Dianoiai* is made from two words in the Greek
      - dia** (“thoroughly, from side-to-side”) and
      - noieo** (“to use the mind”)
      - Together **dia-noieo** means movement from one side of an issue to the other attempting to reach a balanced-conclusion. It means reasoned, complete thought or critical thinking. Understanding, intellect, mind.
- Natural man without Christ is a slave to a tyrant spirit of this time and space along with receiving demands from his fallen self.