

Champions/Women of Destiny

Year 2 LESSON 16



CrossOver

Read: Ephesians 2:1-22

I want you to take a moment to look back over your life and recall the days when you were not a Christian. Do you remember what life was like before you accepted Jesus? At this point in your life you should notice some changes. Even if you were not “buck wild” in the past, life with Christ should be distinctively different from a life without Christ. We call that a Crossover.

If your life is not changing, it could be because you are not growing in your faith in Christ, or you're out-of-fellowship with Christ (meaning you've decided that He's not enough for you –you need someone or something else) or you may not even be a Christian (even though you have come to camp and are doing these lessons)... Ephesians will help you clarify this.

In Ephesians 2, Paul warns the Ephesian Christians about the dangers of such a condition by presenting a series of contrasts between the nonbeliever and the believer in Christ: from death to life, from darkness to light, from utter hopelessness to complete confidence in God.



Listen, I know you have heard this before, but when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, we leave our old life behind. Apostle Paul describes our past condition in the world in Ephesians 2:1-7. Please stop and read this in your Bible now.

Before CrossOver

- We were dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1)
- We lived according to the course of this world with its sins, maxims, ideals, pleasures, worries, anxieties about tomorrow, etc. (Eph. 2:2)
- We lived under the domination and control of Satan, the **prince of the power of the air** (Eph. 2:2)
- We fulfilled the wicked thoughts, cravings, and impulses of our flesh and mind (Eph. 2:3)

I want you to notice that each condition is written in the past tense. When we became children of God, the chains of a sinful life were broken and thrown aside. Before our CrossOver (salvation), **we were sinners by inheritance, choice and practice**. Through Adam, we

inherited the sinful nature. **But now that we are Christians, we have the power to choose to obey God and have victory over temptations.**

After CrossOver

Now that we have Crossed Over...

1. We were made alive – quickened together with Christ (Eph. 2:5). When we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, He resurrected us from spiritual death.
2. We were raised up with Christ, and made to sit with Him in heavenly places (Eph. 2:6).

Ephesians teaches us that by trusting Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are raised up from spiritual death in His resurrection from the dead. We have a new position in Christ. Our eternal salvation is as certain as though we were already with Him in heaven.

Now, by faith we enjoy the blessings of knowing Christ who is in heaven, as we look forward to being with Him throughout all eternity.
We hope that's good news for you!!

Champions and Women of Destiny, the blessings of a life in Jesus Christ go beyond the moment of our salvation and our present living. Ephesians 2:7 reminds us that the riches of salvation continue throughout our earthly lives and on into the time when we will be in heaven. So you are not just living for today, but for tomorrow, and all of eternity- which begins right now! So you just gotta ask this question: What have we done to deserve such a reward? Nothing! In fact, our sinful natures make us completely undeserving of such a blessing. But God chooses to shower us with blessings because He can, and that's due to His unconditional, unexplainable love for us.

Remember, this is not logical. You can't find many people who would demonstrate unconditional love to a person who hates them, committed wicked acts against them, said negative things about them, and was willing to kill them. Even though God hates sin, His love for us is greater than His hatred of sin. Deal with that!



Again, Ephesians 2 reminds us that the good works we do get the attention of people and can win their favor. However, grace wins the favor of God and you and I benefit from it. **Crossover can now happen because of God's grace,** not a person's ability to be good or do good. God's grace is vital to

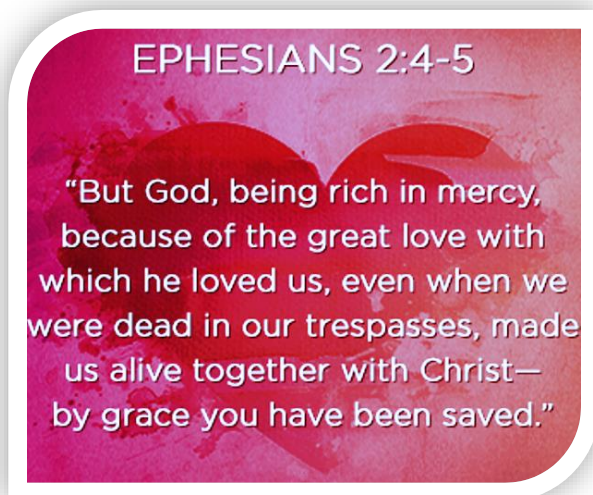
every aspect of the Christian life.

Anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior is as near to God as they are to Jesus Christ. What a blessing to know that we are loved with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), and presented holy before God! ***What is that kind of relationship worth to you? Will it cause you to tell your friends how you Crossed Over and how they can too?***

Think It Over

Below are several phrases that illustrate the world's attitudes about life. When you became a Christian, your attitudes should change. Beside each phrase, list what the biblical attitude should be, then **Share Your Answers With Your Mentor**.

1. It's OK as long as no one gets hurt.....
2. My way is the way.....
3. Whatever!
4. Parents don't know what's up.....
5. It's my body so I can do what I want.....
6. It's just a small lie.....
7. It's my life.....
8. Sometimes you got to break the rules.....
9. What's right for you may not be right for me.....
10. I'm gonna marry you anyway, baby, so show me some love.



Memory Verse

**Memorize
this verse
and then
say it to
your
mentor.**

Now watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson:

<https://youtu.be/jFoGnT8AeOk>

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LESSON 16 Review Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/iG7wPpYEmVdJDzSZ9>

Student name _____
(PRINT CLEARLY)

1. According to the lesson, what are three contrasts (opposites) between believers and nonbelievers?
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2. List four phrases from Before Crossover that describe our condition before salvation.
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3. Fill in the blanks. “Before CrossOver, we were sinners by _____, _____, and _____.”
4. True/False. God chooses to love sinners even though He despises sin.
5. What word is repeated often in this lesson and the scriptures in Ephesians because it is so vital to every aspect of our Christian life?
6. List two phrases that describe our condition after CrossOver (salvation)
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7. Fill in the blank. “We are loved....with an _____ love.
8. True/False. After salvation, we are dead in trespasses and sins.
9. According to Ephesians 2:6, where are we positioned with Christ?
10. What is Satan called in Ephesians 2:2?