

Series Title: “The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians”  
**“The Position of Believers-Chapter 2” Part 1**

**“Everyone Needs a Savior”**

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**A. Review**

1. I thought I was going to teach three series of messages from “The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians”, but I will probably teach six series of messages. We will still try to break the letter down into these three large headings: “The Position of Believers”, “The Practice of Believers”, and “The Power & Protection of Believers.” Under each of these three large headings, we will try to teach a series of messages on each chapter.
2. Last week, we finished chapter 1.
3. Today, we will start on chapter two.

**B. The title of today’s message is: “Everyone Needs a Savior.”**

- **Philippians 3:20** (20For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;) (20For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,)[NKJV]
- Savior (4990) = Of Jesus the Messiah, the Savior of men, who saves His people from the guilt and power of sin and from eternal death. He gives them eternal life and blessedness in His kingdom.

**C. Why does everyone need a Savior?**

- **Ephesians 2:1-10**

1. Because everyone is dead in their trespasses and sins.
  - Dead (3498) = used metaphorically (use of a word meaning one kind of idea in place of another to suggest a likeness between them) in opposition to the life of the

gospel. *Of persons dead to Christ and His gospel and thus exposed to punishment, spiritually dead* (Rev. 3:1).

- **Everything We Do Without a Savior Is Sin.**

- We may well build our hospitals and feed the hungry and educate the ignorant, but if it doesn't spring from trust in God, and if we don't do it to give him glory, and if we don't have a view to the salvation of others, all we do is sin with respect to God.

2. Because the prince of the power of the air controls the course of this world.

- **Ephesians 6:11-12** (our struggle is not against flesh and blood)

3. Because of the spirit now working in the sons of disobedience.

- **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** (the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving...)

4. Because our minds were set on the things of the flesh.

- **Romans 8:5-8** (the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God)

5. Because we were by nature children of wrath.

- **Ephesians 5:5-6** (...because of these things, the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.)

- **1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** (Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come)

D. Closure