



DETAIL OF TILE FLOORS
IN CHURCH VESTIBULE

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of 1/4 inch and good.

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Today's Scripture Reading:

EPHESIANS 2:1-3

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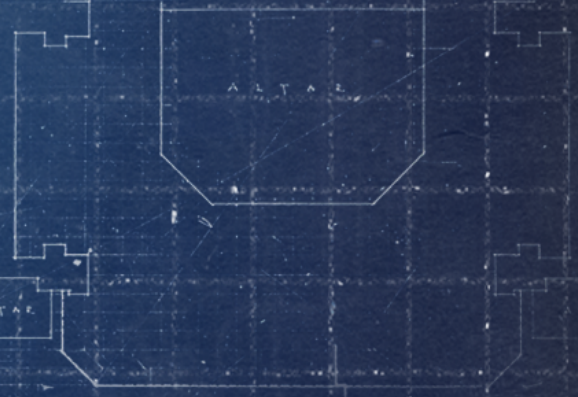
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Are you a "were" or still an "are"?

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Ephesians 1:20-23: that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Ephesians 2:4: But God

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Why is this set of scriptures laid out in the middle of such a glorious sandwich of joy?

1. We believe God is specific, doesn't mince words so these words are carefully chosen to reflect a message to His chosen people.
2. In our three verses, were and previously are mentioned five times referring to some distinct previous time frame.

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3. Were and are, or before and after refer to a specific time period and are separated by a catalyst that alters them. 1:20-23, 2:4 compared with 2:1-3 spell that event for us-when God Himself entered the lives of those Paul refers to.

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- Moses **were** an Egyptian celebrity, a ruling class, a wandering Hebrew, now **are** God's instrument of deliverance.
- David **were** a shepherd, least of Jesse's sons, wasn't even invited to Samuel's King selection party, now **are** Israel's king
- Israel **were** a small band of misfit wanderers, now **are** a blessed people to be a light and blessing for other nations.

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- Mary **were** an everyday peasant girl, now **are** known no longer as Mary, but Jesus' mom.
- Saul **were** a Gamelial educated-high ranking Pharisee, persecutor of "The Way" believers, side of the road convert, now **are** a Biblical author, theologian missionary.
- You can think of may other Biblical examples of lives changed.
- Matt to Matthew

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They walked according to:

1. Ways of the World

1. Character-me first vs servant/Cross/dead (Mt 20)
2. Values/treasures-see ye first (Mt 6)
3. Mindset-transformed not conformed (Rom 12)

2. Ruler who exercises authority

1. 2 Cor 4:4: Blinded by god of this world, can't see
2. 2 Cor 11:3: Deceived, see falsely like eve
3. John 8:44: Father of Lies
4. Power exercised because we were his slaves,
under his domain, Col 1:13 transferred

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They walked according to:

3. Fleshly desires

1. Mark 9: Fame and greatness, disciples argue
2. Matthew 19: Wealth rich young ruler
3. Proverbs Adulterous woman, vulgar and seductive advertising

4. Children under wrath

1. Not all are God's children
2. Created in His image, but not family until catalyst of conversion

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2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The **old** (were) has passed away; behold, the **new** (are) has come.

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- By this unifying statement, Paul cements the Spiritual unity of a heavenly family heritage, offering these Gentiles the handshake of fellowship.
- We were “both” separated from God, doing our own thing, we were equals in our endeavors of dark disobedience.
- How many of us have found solace, brotherhood, or oneness when someone else, in the midst of experiencing the same or similar sorrow, comes and says, “I’m in the same despair, trouble, temptation or sorrow”? That’s what Paul is doing here, leveling the spiritual playing field.

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I see at least two points to Paul's discourse here:

- A. Remind them of their worth, lack of worth, prior to God's intervention, their natural bent before God's intervention.
 - A. So as to keep them as branches and not roots themselves.
 - B. To prevent them from becoming Pharisaically minded, white washed sepulchers, arrogantly forgetting their depravity, forgetting their need for a Savior.

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C. To train their mindset to be similar to Paul's statement of inclusion of "we also", lumping the Jews in with the Gentiles. This helped these converts to be **guiding lights** welcoming the "weres" i.e. the unconverted, with open arms and **not the condemning light of the interrogator** as if the unconverted were in some way less than these newly converted "saints".

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B. With those thoughts in mind, the new hope of incredible magnitude that was theirs in Christ will come in next weeks verse.

A. Although our verses don't get to celebrate that idea, the point remains the same. Paul reminds them of this catalyst of Christ that caused the were to be past tense, and a new are to become their reality.

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Application

1. Are you working out your salvation, checking your life's actions against scriptural commands? Is sanctification happening in your life, where change, even slow change, is taking place?
2. Would you ask those close to you, not those only in agreement with you, to help you see if there is growth and offer their perceptions of your walk in Christ?

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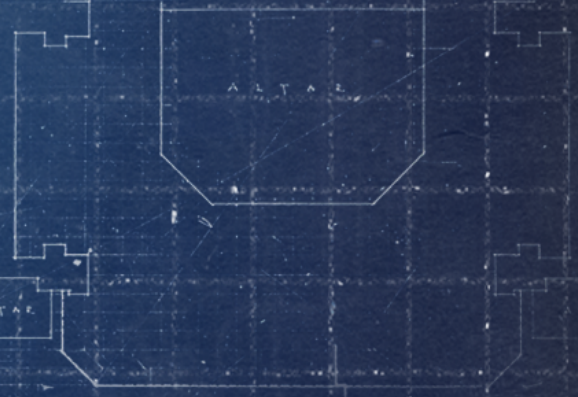
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