

OUR NATURAL CONDITION
(Ephesians 2:1-3)

- I. DEAD in Our TRESPASSES and SINS (Eph. 1:1)
 - A. We existed in the STATE of DEADNESS
 - 1. He's not speaking of PHYSICAL death
 - 2. He's not speaking of "the SECOND death"
 - 3. Every person's SPIRIT was DEAD in regard to GOD
 - B. We existed in the REALM of "TRESPASSES and SINS"
 - 1. This was our ENVIRONMENT by INHERITANCE
 - 2. This was our ACTIVITY by CHOICE

- II. GOVERNED by the WORLD (Eph. 1:2a)
 - A. Our "WALK" was "according to" the TEMPORAL world
 - B. Our "WALK" was in STEP with the FALLEN world

- III. ENERGIZED by SATAN (Eph. 1:2b)
 - A. He is the RULER whose DOMAIN is "the AIR"

1. He has broad AUTHORITY over the EARTH
 2. He has powerful INFLUENCE over MANKIND
- B. He is WORKING in and through HUMANITY (cf. 1:19)

IV. CONTROLLED by Our SELFISH PASSIONS (Eph. 1:3)

- A. This was ALSO true of ALL OF US
1. No human is EXEMPT
 2. Every person LIVES this way by CHOICE
- B. We LIVED to fulfill our FLESHLY LUSTS
- C. We DESERVED God's WRATH