

“THE WALK OF A SLAVE”
EPHESIANS 2:2-3

I. WE ARE GIVEN THE ANSWER TO SO MANY QUESTIONS AS TO WHY LOST PEOPLE DO WHAT THEY DO & WHY THE PROBLEM IS UNIVERSAL IN SCOPE

II. WE ARE GIVEN A SYNOPSIS OF WHAT AN ENSLAVED LIFE IS LIKE WITHOUT GOD (2:2-3)

A. All Men Are Under The Control Of What The Text Calls *The Course Of This World* (2:2a)

1. They Conform To The Pattern Of The “Age” They Live In

2. They Are Not Like The Blessed Man Of Psalm 1 Who Refuses To Walk In The Counsel Of The Ungodly

a. Afraid To Buck The System

b. None Of This Is Accidental

B. The World Itself Is Controlled By Something Else (2:2b)

1. A Malignant Spirit Who Has A Realm

a. He Is The Ruler Of This Atmosphere

b. He Is Not Static But Proactive In His Rule

2. A Malignant Spirit Who Dominates The Thought Processes Of The Children Of Disobedience

C. Men That Live In The World Live In Keeping With The Lusts Of The Flesh (2:3a)

1. It Has All Three Constituent Parts Of Human Personhood

2. It Is Unredeemably Fallen & Cannot Improve

D. Giving Vent To The Sin Nature Is What Brings Down The Wrath Of God (2:3b)