

Scripture: Ephesians 2
Singing: 281:1-4 – 294:1-3 – 170:1-3 – 30:1-3

CoF 14

God calls you to remember

I. What you were II. What you became
III. What you are now IV. What you will be.

I. What you were!

A. This truth applies to all who hear the Word!

1. You all were crowned: Ps. 8:5-8
2. You were declared very good (Gen. 1:31, 27)
3. You were in a personal covenant with God (Gen. 2:7; 15-16)

II. What you became!

A. You degraded yourself to the level of a beast: Ps. 49:20

B. You became an indescribable wreck: Eph. 2:1-3; Rom 3:10ff; 5:610; 8:7

1. It was no accident but a choice that you became like that: Gen. 3:1-6
2. It was a *willing choice* when you degraded yourself (see sum in CoF 14)

C. Your condition is now desperate: *you can do nothing else but sin!*

1. But what about the good you still do?

III. What are you now?

A. If you are like the Ephesians, you *are* changed and changing (Eph. 2:1-10)

1. Examine if you are changed from being dead to alive?
2. If changed, how did this happen: Titus 3:3-7

IV. What you will be!

A. You will be glory with God (vs. 7)

B. You will be beyond Adam in Paradise: Ps. 89:15-18

The Future for the God Fearing

O Paradise eternal!
What bliss to enter you.
And once within your portal,
Secure forever be!

In you no sin or sorrow,
No pain or death is known;
But pure glad life, enduring
At God's eternal throne.

There all around shall love us,
And we return their love;
One band of holy, happy spirits,
One family above.

There God shall be our portion,
And we His jewels be;
And gracing His bright mansions,
His smile reflect and see.

So songs shall rise forever,
While the new creation fair,
Still more and more revealing
Shall awake fresh praises there.

O Paradise eternal,
What joys in you are known!
O God of mercy, guide us
Till all be felt our own.

Thomas David, 1804-87