

# { Dinnertime Devotionals }



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**Weekly Theme:** Ephesians 1 & 2

**Verse #1:** Ephesians 1:15-22

(I use the NKJV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

**All Ages Discussion Starter:** This prayer is one that we should emulate and make petition for often. What is Paul praying for? Why is it important for all Christians to pray for this? How much time do you spend in prayer personally? And as a family? How could you make it better?

**Verse #2:** Ephesians 2:1-3

**All Age Discussion Starter:** This passage brings to mind the question - Were we created to do good? (Hint skip ahead to v10 for the answer)

Children are born innocent and free from sin. Parents train children to do good and correct them when they do wrong. As adults we make decisions to do good or bad. This passage tells us that Christians used to “conduct themselves” in what? What does that mean? Instead of thinking earthly, how should we think?

**Verse #3:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**All Age Discussion Starter:** For my money, this is one of the most encouraging passages in the entire New Testament. When you read it, what stood out to you?

Who are we? What were we created to do? Who will do these things if we don't?

Don't let the word 'mercy' pass you by. God is RICH in mercy. This is something that we have trouble showing to each other but God shows it to us daily. Do you give thanks for that daily?

**Verse #4:** Ephesians 2:11-13

**All Age Discussion Starter:** Under the Old Testament law God's chosen people were the Israelites and they had the covenant of circumcision that started with Abraham. Today we are no longer under that old law and that old covenant because we have something better.

It is amazing to know that the blood of Christ is available to all and is a free gift for everyone. No longer must we be separated from God by sin. What relationship do you have with God?

**Verse #5:** Ephesians 2:14-18

**All Age Discussion Starter:** Peace is a word that is often misunderstood or misapplied. When the Bible speaks of peace, what does it mean?

How can we truly have peace in the world that we live in today?

Ever since Christ came to this earth, died on the cross, was buried, and resurrected, we have had access to peace. Do you have it?