

Ephesians: But Now - Made Us One in Christ

Ephesians 2:11-16 (CSB)

Main Point: Christ died to create a new community at peace with the Living God and with one another.

- I. WHO WE WERE (2:11-12)
 - a. We were separate from God's people/Israel (2:11)
 - b. We were separate from God and his promises (2:12)
- II. WHAT CHRIST ACCOMPLISHED (2:13-18)
 - a. Christ brought us near to God's people and to God (2:13)
 - b. Christ reconciled us and Jews with each other and with God (2:14-16)
 - c. Christ gives us access to God in one Spirit (2:17-18)
- III. WHO WE ARE (2:19-22)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are the common words, phrases, verbs, that appear in this passage?
- 2. What does it mean by "Gentiles in the flesh" and why is this group separate from Israel?
- 3. What are the distinctions between OT Covenants? Conditional and unconditional covenants?
- 4. List the five realities that characterize Gentiles before they come to salvation in Christ (2:12)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

5. In what ways did the work of Christ nullify the Mosaic Law and thus bring reconciliation?

6. Why is the blood of Christ essential to Gentile and Jewish believers becoming One?

7. How did Christ become our peace? What was accomplished on the Cross?

8. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for making you One in Christ and with other believers:

Application:

- 1. Remember your day of salvation and praise God and share this grace with the unbelievers around you.
- 2. Remember that we are meant to be in local congregations; true community is created, not discovered.
- 3. Remember that Christians of all ethnicities are one body in Christ, praise God.

Scripture References:

Is 9:6, Micah 5:5, John 17:20-26, 1 Cor 3:11, 16, Rev 4:8, 5:12