

Epic Significance  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
October 8, 2013

- I. Review
  - A. First Three Chapters
    - 1. Primarily \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. Chapter one
      - a. Praise to God for the \_\_\_\_\_ we have in Christ
  
      - b. God made known his \_\_\_\_\_
  
      - c. Prayer for the \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. Chapter two
      - a. Formerly/Now contrast
  
      - b. Saved for a purpose
  
      - c. The rest of chapter two
- II. Brought Near – Vv. 11-13
  - A. Remember
    - 1. What they were before \_\_\_\_\_
      - a. Because they were Gentiles by birth, they were...
  
    - 2. But...
      - a. They have been “\_\_\_\_\_” to God in Christ
  
    - 3. Paul is calling them to remember not just their former plight
  - B. “In the Flesh”
    - 1. *En Sarki* = “in the flesh”
  
    - 2. Paul means the merely \_\_\_\_\_ realm in which they lived

3. Their problem was “in the \_\_\_\_\_”

C. The Jews Were No Better Off

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was merely a human procedure
2. “True” circumcision

D. In Summary

1. The Gentiles were...
  - a. Separated from \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Excluded from \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel
  - c. Had no \_\_\_\_\_ in the covenantal promises
  - d. They had no hope of \_\_\_\_\_ this plight
  - e. They did not have \_\_\_\_\_

E. God’s Solution

1. “But...”
  - a. Their plight was estrangement and \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. The solution was nearness and \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. This was done for us in \_\_\_\_\_

III. The Importance of Remembering

A. Who We Once Were

1. Should cause \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to well up in our hearts

B. Who We Are Now

1. We are no longer that old person
2. Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_
3. Remembering helps us \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ who we are in Christ

IV. Peace – Both Horizontal and Vertical – Vv. 14-18

A. *He is* Our Peace

1. Jesus is the one who makes it possible for us to have peace with \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_

B. Defining Peace

1. *Shalom*

- a. Much more than the absence of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Our lives, however, are often far from peaceful

- a. Paul is telling us to \_\_\_\_\_ what is already ours in Christ

C. Horizontal Peace – Vv. 14-15

1. “The two”

2. What is “the barrier?”

- a. One possibility
- b. A more likely possibility

3. In what sense did Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the law?

- a. “Abolish” means to \_\_\_\_\_ aside or make \_\_\_\_\_

4. Where did the destruction of the barrier take place?

- a. In his (Christ’s) \_\_\_\_\_

5. An entirely new \_\_\_\_\_ is created

D. Vertical Peace – Vv. 16-18

1. Through Christ Both Jew and Gentile have been \_\_\_\_\_ to God

2. God is always the \_\_\_\_\_ of reconciliation

3. Preaching peace?

- a. What it could mean
- b. What it more likely means

4. We have \_\_\_\_\_ to God

V. The People of God as the Dwelling of God – Vv. 19-22

A. Consequences of Reconciliation

1. Dramatic change of \_\_\_\_\_

- a. We were once strangers, \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. We are now fellow \_\_\_\_\_
- b. We were once \_\_\_\_\_ from God
  - i. We are now \_\_\_\_\_ of his family
  - ii. We are his \_\_\_\_\_
- c. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in God's family

2. Being members of a household meant more than that even

B. The Foundation

1. Apostles and prophets

- a. Apostles –
- b. Prophets –

2. The Cornerstone

- a. Determined the entire \_\_\_\_\_ of the building

3. The church is built on \_\_\_\_\_

- a. It is \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ
- b. Everything about it is \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ

C. Characteristics

1. We are joined \_\_\_\_\_

2. This new building is “\_\_\_\_\_”

- a. Set apart \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God

D. God's People are God's Temple

1. The ones who were formerly \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple now *are* the temple
2. The temple was the place where God took up residence

VI. APPLICATION: We Are Family