

Ephesians: Blessed Beyond Belief

To Build up the Body

Ephesians 2:11-22 Our new Position Corporately

- 11 Therefore
remember that at one time you
Gentiles in the flesh,
called “the circumcision” by what is called the circumcision,
which is made in the flesh by hands—
- 12 remember that you were at that time
separate from Christ,
alienated from the commonwealth of Israel,
and strangers to the covenants of promise,
having no hope
and without God in the world.
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus
you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For he himself is our peace,
who has made us both one
and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility
by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,
15 that he might create in himself one new man in place of two,
so making peace,
16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body
through the cross,
thereby killing the hostility.
- 17 And he came and preached
peace to you who were far off,
and peace to those who were near.
- 18 For through him we both have access
in one Spirit
to the Father.
- 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints
and members of household of God,
20 built on the foundation of
the
apostles
and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
21 in whom the whole structure,
being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
22 In him you also are being built together
into a dwelling for God by the Spirit.

Review

1:1–3:21 Positional Unity of the Church

1:1-23 God's (life insurance) plan and benefits

1:1-2 A circular letter to those "in Christ"

1:3-14 Believers have: **Every spiritual blessing—to the praise of His glory**

The plan, provision and protection of Salvation

A reminder of the great things God has done for the individual believer

WOW—it is all about God

All we have in salvation is for His praise and glory.

1:15-23 Prayer for insight to truly know God

The prayer for those who have everything—know God better

2:1–3:21 Steps towards fulfilling God's plan

2:1-10 God's plan (1:3-14) applied to individuals

Man's condition 2:1-3

Apart from God man is hopeless because they are dead in trespasses and sin

"But God" (God's provision) 2:4-10

Exposition

I. Circular letter to those who are "in Christ" 1:1-2

II. Praise to God: The believer's position in Christ to the Praise of His Glory 1:3-14

III. Thanksgiving and Prayer 1:15-23

IV. God's Plan applied individually 2:1-10

V. God's Plan Applied Corporately 2:11-22

A. The Problem: Separation 2:11-12

1. Call to Remember 2:11

2. Former State 2:12

B. The Provision: Christ 2:13-18

1. Separation removed—Union declared 2:13

2. Explanation of union of believing Jews and Gentiles into a "new man" 2:14-18

a) Assertion of Peace 2:14-16

(1) Demolition process—removal of barrier 2:14-15a

(2) Construction process—One from two 2:15b-16

b) Announcement of peace—access to the Father 2:17-18

C. The Product: New Entity 2:19-22

1. New Relationship 2:19

2. New Establishment 2:20-22

a) Foundation 2:20

b) Formation 2:21

c) Function 2:22

Summary: _____!

Who are one?

Why is this important?

What should we do?