

Ephesians 2:11-22

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1. We begin with “therefore,” what came before to establish this condition?
 - a. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
 - b. Why must the Christians in Ephesus remember this when considering what Paul is sharing with them?
2. How does the grace of Christ change your present reality?

“then” (2:11-12)	“now” (2:13)
In the flesh- 11	In the Lord, in the Spirit- 21-22
Separated from Christ- 12	Built up upon Christ- 20
Alienated from Israel- 12	Fellow citizens with the saints- 19
Strangers and sojourners- 12 and 19	Members of God’s household- 19
Godless- 12	Access to the Father- 18
Far off- 13, 17	Near- 13, 17
Hostility- 14, 16	Peace- 14-17
Dividing wall of partition-14	Joined together, holy temple- 21

3. How might we talk about this today?

Read 2:14-16

4. v. 15 is the central point of this text. “that in him, he might create the two into one new man, making peace.”
5. What had to be abolished in order for this unification of people to occur?
6. How did he bring this act of peacemaking to completion?

Read 2:17-22

7. God has always dwelt in the midst of his people Temple-Christ-Church. How do we see him dwelling in our midst today?
8. How does Paul define the boundaries of the dwelling place of God?
9. What are the implications for the Christian as we live our lives as God’s holy temple?
10. Does this understanding function as Law or Gospel? Can it bring comfort to those who struggle?