

BEING WITH JESUS TOGETHER



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Ephesians 2:11-22

1- Remember that we haven't always had Jesus. (v. 11-12)

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

- We were the Gentiles.

"While God did plan to bless all nations through Israel, the Gentiles did not know this. Because they did not know the promises, they did not have the hope of the promises, nor did they know the God of the promises. They had opted for idols instead of God, suppressing the truth revealed to them. Because they did not know God, they did not know hope." (Christ Centered Exposition Commentary, pg. 57)

- "We once were, now we are." = Perspective Shift

2- Cling to the cross as our common ground. (v. 13-16)

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 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, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

- **Conjunctions matter in the Bible! “*But now in Christ Jesus*”**
- **Because Jesus died for all, He unites us all.**

Romans 3:23-25 — *"For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."*

James 2:1 — *"My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory."*

3- Abide in the same household. (v. 17-22)

*And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints and members of the **household of God**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a **dwelling place** for God by the Spirit.*

- **Household language:** fellow citizens, household of God, holy temple, dwelling place , cornerstone, whole structure

Philippians 3:20-21 — *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."*

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