

Ephesians 2:11-22
Christ Tears Down the Walls
& Builds a Church

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Our unity shows the world that the Gospel Message is TRUE!

¹¹ Therefore... Ephesians 2:11-22

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember who you were...

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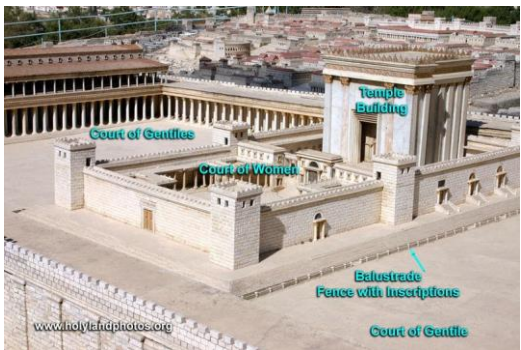
What's wrong with me?

I was far away from God – separated from Him.

How do I fix this mess?

Jesus brought me near to God through the Cross.

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- *Christ, reconciled enemies making one new humanity - the Church*
- *Christ reconciled this new humanity (the Church) to God*
- *Reconciliation with God and others is made possible by the blood of Christ*

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We are:

- *Fellow Citizens*
- *Members of God's Household*
- *Stones in God's Holy Temple*

We are closely connected with each other.

Our unity shows the world that the Gospel Message is TRUE!

The Church is God's plan to show the world what God is like. Our purpose is to make disciples who make disciples.

We show people Jesus, invite them to follow Him, and once they do, show them how, in such a way that they will do that for someone else.

...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3