

## Ephesians 2:11-22

- 2:11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," *which is* performed in the flesh by human hands--
- 2:12 *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,
- 2:15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,
- 2:16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
- 2:17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY,  
AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;
- 2:18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.
- 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
- 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,
- 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
- 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

## **Questions Ephesians 2:11-22**

In the remainder of Chapter 2, Paul contrasts for us Gentiles the almost-incomprehensibly huge difference between what our lives were like before Christ and what is true now. He emphasizes the facts that now in Jesus Christ the former distinction between Jew & Gentile has passed away; the He has now brought about one new body through the cross; and that the resulting good news is that now we Gentiles need no longer live as outsiders, but as fellow-citizens and members of the household of God.

Read verses 11-22 several times and record your conclusions under the categories below regarding the relationship between Gentiles and Jews.

1. Our state as Gentiles before Christ (vs. 11-12)
2. Our present condition as Gentiles after Christ (vs. 13-18)
3. The practical consequences of our new relationship (vs. 19-22)
4. Summarize the main points and subpoints of your observations about chapter 2. What are the implications of those points?