

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2:11-22 - HOPELESS, ENEMIES AND STRANGERS

- I. ONCE HOPELESS, BUT NOW HOPEFUL IN CHRIST - vs. 11-13 - “Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh — who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
- A. Vs. 11: “Therefore remember that you . . .”
 - B. “once Gentiles in the flesh — . . .”
 - C. “who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands —”
 - D. Vs. 12: “that at that time you were without Christ,”
 - E. “being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel”
 - F. “and strangers from the covenants of promise,”
 - G. “having no hope and without God in the world.”
 - H. Vs. 13: “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
- II. ONCE ENEMIES, BUT NOW FRIENDS IN CHRIST - vs. 14-18 - “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandment *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”
- A. Vs. 14: “For He Himself is our peace,”
 - B. “who has made both one,”
 - C. “and has broken down the middle wall of separation,”
 - D. Vs. 15: “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandment *contained* in ordinances,”
 - E. “so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,”
 - F. Vs. 16: “and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

- G. Vs. 17: “And He came and preached peace to you were afar off and to those who were near.”
- H. Vs. 18: “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

III. ONCE ALIENS, BUT NOW HEAVENLY CITIZENS IN CHRIST - Vs. 19-22 - “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

- A. Vs. 19: “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,”
- B. Vs. 20: “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,”
- C. Vs. 21: “in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,”
- D. Vs. 22: “in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

APPLICATION - CLASS LED

- A. ?
- B. ?
- C. ?