

EPHESIANS 2:11-17

LESSON 12

One New Man

1. Ephesians 2:10 – His Workmanship

- a. *“his workmanship”* – The new creature, 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 6:15
- b. *“unto good works”* – we are not licentious, antinomian nor libertine -1Co 6:12,10:23
- c. His workmanship not what we make ourselves, but what God made us in Christ.

2. Ephesians 2:11-12 – Time Past

- a. A fun dispensational passage. Often twisted to make us Israel or under covenants.
- b. *The point* → Our position is through the body/blood of Christ not Israel - 2Cor 5:17
- c. Eph 2:1 – ye were sinners needing grace, Eph 2:11 –ye were Gentiles needing access
- d. Eph 2:1-4 - “not of works” (your dead) – Eph 2:11-12 – “not of yourselves” (far off)
- e. *“in the flesh”* – Circumcision/uncircumcision began in Gen 17:7-8, 10-11, 14,
 - i. Their circumcision and yours differ - Deu 10:16, Ac 7:51 vs. Gal 5:6, Col 2:13
- f. *“time past”* – Not just before saved or OT, but Matt 15:22, Acts 3:25, 10:28, 11:19
- g. Time past them: Circumcision, with Christ, Israel, covenants, hope, God – Ro 9:4-5
- h. Time past you: Cut off (Gen 17:14), no Messiah, not Israel, no covenants, no hope

3. Ephesians 2:13 – But Now

- a. This is a continuation of the thought in 2:11-12, so this is what needs remembered
- b. *“But now”* – something changed – Ro 3:21, 7:6, 16:26; 1Co 12:20, Gal 4:9, Col 1:26
- c. You now: in God’s purpose, in Christ, one body, with access to grace, hope, God
- d. *“made nigh”* – Nigh (near) to what? God, grace, hope, glory (by grace through faith)
- e. *“by the blood of Christ”* – Not the new covenant, not Israel, not the law, not works.
- f. Why the blood? 1) It testified Israel’s stumble and fall – Matt 27:25, Ac 5:28, 7:52
 - i. 2) It purchases, propitiates, redeems, justifies, and makes peace for us

4. Ephesians 2:14-17 – One New Man

- a. These verses help define the mystery of Christ, who is our peace - Rom 5:1, Col 3:15
- b. The gospel of peace = “He is our peace”, “so making peace”, “preached peace”
- c. Seeing the change (right division) is seeing all one in Christ (mystery fellowship)
 - i. *“both...”* – those far off (Gentiles) and them that are nigh (Jews)
 - ii. Before 2, now 1 - *“both one”, “of twain one new man”, “both ... in one body”*
- d. Three mystery elements: without covenants, without the law, without Israel.
- e. 2:14 – *“broken down the middle wall of partition”* – without covenants – Ro 11:27
- f. 2:15 – *“abolished... the enmity, even the law”* – without the law – Rom 3:21
- g. 2:15 – *“to make in himself... one new man”* – without Israel but the body of Christ
- h. 2:16 – *“reconcile both unto God”* – reconciled together, but also to God – Col 1:20
- i. 2:17 – *“preached peace”* - We have the ministry of reconciliation – 2 Cor 5:18-20