

EPHESIANS 2:13-19

LESSON 13

Access to the Father

1. Ephesians 2:13-17 – One New Man

- a. The fellowship of the mystery is the one body of Christ ← kept secret, a new thing
 - i. *“both...”* 4x– those far off (Gentiles) and nigh (Jews) –Eph 1:10,2:14, 16, 18
 - ii. Before 2, now 1 - *“both one”, “of twain one new man”, “both ... in one body”*
- b. Three mystery elements: without covenants, without the law, without Israel.
- c. 2:14 – 1) *“broken down the middle wall of partition”* – without covenants –Ro 11:27
 - i. The middle wall being the covenants/circumcision that separated Israel.
 - ii. The wall crashed when faith was made the necessity – Ro 9:32,10:4, Gal 3:23
- d. 2:15 – 2) *“abolished... the enmity, even the law”* – without the law – Rom 3:21, 7:1-4
 - i. We are redeemed from the law by death - Gal 2:19, 4:9-10, 5:1, 1 Cor 15:56
- e. 2:15 – 3) *“to make in himself... one new man”* – without Israel but the body of Christ
 - i. This is how you know you are not Israel –Rom 11:11, 11:25, 2 Cor 5:17,
- f. 2:16 – *“reconcile both unto God”* – reconciled here to God – Col 1:20
- g. 2:17 – *“preached peace”* - We have the ministry of reconciliation – 2 Cor 5:18-20
 - i. Peace that we are all sinners and can only be saved by God’s grace. Ro 11:32

2. Ephesians 2:18 – Both Have Access

- a. *“through”* – The channel of blessing, inheritance, position
- b. *“through him”* – (2:13) Difference between Israel’s covenants and body of Christ
- c. *“both have access”* -To what? Israel? Covenant? Law? New Jerusalem? The Father.
- d. *“by one Spirit”* – who keeps, kills, seals, indwells, intercedes, baptizes, bears, blesses
- e. The same Spirit that appeared Acts 2 is doing something different now – Jo 15:26
- f. It’s the same Spirit that will empower, cause, and protect the NT remnant of Israel

3. Ephesians 2:19 – No More Strangers

- a. Verses that are used to challenge the idea of the mystery of Christ revealed to Paul
- b. *“Now therefore”* – Which hearkens to 2:12 and requires you understand 2:13-18
- c. *“no more strangers...”* - we are no longer far but nigh (2:13) to what? 2:18
 - i. Being Israel was not the important thing. Access to God’s blessing was.
 - ii. Now we get access to the Father, His inheritance, His blessings, through Christ and his blood as members of the body of Christ – not through Israel, their covenants, nor their law.