



Ephesians 2:11-22 – One New Man

GRACE – God’s Riches at Christ’s Expense.

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- Ephesians 2:1-10 is about the vertical relationship between people and God – saved by grace.
- Ephesians 2:11-22 is about horizontal relationship between peoples – reconciled through Christ.

“The grand theme of Ephesians 2 is that Jesus Christ has destroyed both enmities.”
John R. W. Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*, Leicester: Inter-varsity Press, 1979. page 92.

Ephesians 2:11-13

5 things that were once true of all Gentiles (vs 12)

- separate from Christ
- non-citizens of Israel
- foreigners to the covenants of the promise
- without hope and
- without God.
- Vs 13 – ‘But now...’ (cf vs 4 – ‘But God’)

“Nothing is so apt to promote gratitude as a retrospective glance fixed on the whole of the pit from whence we have been dug.” (F F Bruce).

“The three stages are marked by the expressions ‘at one time’ (verse 11),
‘but now’ (verse 13) and ‘so then’ (verse 19.)”
John R. W. Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*, Leicester: Inter-varsity Press, 1979. page 94.

Ephesians 2:14-19

- Paul paints a picture of what we once were – an alienated humanity (vs 11-12),
- what Christ has done to bring peace and end to our hostility (vs 13-18) and finally,
- a picture of God’s new society, what we have become (vs 19-22).
- The Greek word for ‘new’ in one *new* man (vs 15): *καινός* – ‘Kainos’ lit. new of a kind.

Vs 18: ¹⁸ **For through him (Jesus) we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.”**

Application:

Which people group or individuals do you feel prejudiced, bitter or divided from? Pray and ask God for help to forgive and love them. Then decide today to actively seek to express God’s love to people or the person you have issues with.