

Ephesians 2:11 - 22

I. What was the Gentile's Status Before Christ? (verses 11 - 12)

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II. How has Christ Remedied the Situation? (verses 13 - 18)

Some parallel passages that may help:

- A. **Colossians 1: 21 - 22** And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight,
- B. **Colossians 2: 16 - 17** So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

III. What is the Resulting New (and Glorious) Status? (verses 19 - 22)

IV. Application:

A.

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1. **Ephesians 4: 1 - 6**

2. **John 17: 20 - 23** "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

3. **John 13: 34 - 35** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

a. Not Unity at ALL COSTS

(1) **I Corinthians 11: 18 - 20** For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

(2) **Romans 16: 17 - 18** Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

b. But nevertheless an Overriding Concern

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