

Eph 2:11-22

- I. The Outsiders have become accepted insiders. (11-18)
 - A. The way it used to be before Christ. (11-12)
 - 1. A Call to remember the way it was. (11a)
 - 2. An explanation of the way it was. (11b-12)
 - a. You then were gentiles in the flesh, the ones called uncircumcised by those who were called circumcised in the flesh according to man's doing. (11b)
 - b. In that time, you were characterized by these 5 things: (12)
 - 1) You were without Christ
 - 2) You were alienated from the citizenship in God's people.
re: alienated, cf. 4:18, Col 1:21
re: citizenship, cf. Acts 22:28- of Roman citizenship, Phil 3:20
 - 3) You were complete strangers to the covenants of God's promises. cf. Rom 3:1f., 9:4f.
 - 4) You had no hope.
 - 5) You had no relationship with God Whatsoever in this world.
 - B. The way it is now for those in Christ. (13-18)
 - 1. In Jesus Christ, you, the ones who once were far away, now have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (13)
 - 2. The reason why this has happened. (14-18)
 - a. He has made peace. (14-16)
 - 1) He is our peace. (14a) cf. Mic 5:1-5, Is 9:5-6
 - 2) How he has provided peace for us.(14b-16)
 - a) what He has done. (14b-15a)
 - (1) He has made the two into one. (14b)
cf. Jn 10:16; 17:11, I Cor 10:17, 12:13
 - (2) He has destroyed the dividing barrier of hostility that separated them in His flesh. (14c)
 - (3) He has nullified the law of regulations and commandments. (15a) cf. Col 2:20-22
cf. Acts 10 Peter; Acts 15 Jerusalem counsel
 - b) The purpose for Him doing these things. (15b-16)
 - (1) So that He may create a new community. (15b-c)
 - (a) So that He may create one new man in the Lord from the two. (15b) cf. 4:23f.
 - (b) He does this by making peace. (15c)
 - (2) So that He may reconcile both to Himself. (16)
 - (a) So that He may reconcile both to God. (16a)

((1)) In one body.

((2)) Through the cross.

(b) He does this by putting enmity to death by the cross. (16b)

b. He has proclaimed peace. (17-18)

cf. Acts 10:36, Is 52:7, 57:14-21

1) He came. (17a)

2) He proclaimed peace. (17b-18)

a) He proclaimed peace to everyone. (17b-c)

(1) He proclaimed peace to you who were far away. (17b)

(2) He proclaimed peace to those who were near. (17c)

b) The peace that He proclaimed: We both have free access to God the Father in one Spirit through Him. (18)- cf. 3:12, Jn 10:7,9; 14:6

II. The results for the outsiders and insiders together. (19-22)

A. You are no longer strangers and aliens. (19a)

B. But you are now an integral part of God's household and dwelling. (19b-22)

1. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. (19b)

2. Elaboration of what it means to be God's household. (20-22)

a. You are being built as a house on a solid foundation. (20)

1) You are being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. (20a)

2) Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of it all. (20b)

b. You are being fitted together into the temple of God. (21)

1) By being intricately fit together in your proper places in Him. (21a)

2) Every part of the building grows together in the Lord into the holy temple. (21b)

c. In the Lord, You are being built together into the very dwelling-place of God in the Spirit. (22)