

Ephesians 2:11-22

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<u>New Life's Vision:</u>

The vision of New Life Christian Church (NLCC) is for all people to discover a loving relationship with God through Jesus Christ and live the New Life promised through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Changing Lives... Making Disciples"

<u>New Life's Mission:</u>

New Life Christian Church exists to *Reach* our community with the love of Christ, *Prepare* disciples to discover their gift(s), *Equip* the saints for the work of ministry, and *Send* disciples into the world.

"Loving God, Loving Ourselves, Loving Others"



1.) Vss. 11-13 Remember Our Former Condition:

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11 Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. 12 In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. 13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.



2.) Vss. 14-16 Don't Rebuild What Christ Has Torn Down!

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14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. 15 He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. 16 Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.



3.) Vss. 17-22 Realize We Belong Together #WeAreONE

17 He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. 18 Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's

holy people. You are members of God's family. 20 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. 21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. 22 Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

Psalm 118:22 **"The stone that the** builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

Isaiah 28:16 "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken."

Matthew 16:18 "Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."