

**Sermon Title:** One

**Sermon Series:** Ephesians: Who We Are

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:11-22

**Speaker:** Pastor Mike Barnhart



### **Ephesians 2:11–22 ESV**

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Paul reminds the Gentiles of who they were...

- They were “separated from Christ.”
- They were “alienated from the commonwealth of Israel.”

- They were “strangers to the covenants of promise...”
- They had “no hope.”
- They were “without God in the world.”

**1. Remember who you \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **Ephesians 2:11–12 ESV**

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- You weren’t citizens of God’s kingdom.
- You weren’t saints, who inherit the promises of God.
- You weren’t members of the household of God.
- You didn’t have any hope for the future.
- You were without God.

### **Ephesians 2:13 ESV**

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**2. Jesus is your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Isaiah 9:6 ESV**

6 For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Colossians 3:15 ESV**

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

**Ephesians 2:13–17 ESV**

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### **Ephesians 2:15–16 ESV**

15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

It's through Jesus' blood—being a sacrifice for our sins—that we're reconciled to God...and to one another.

That which once divided us is no longer when in Christ.

Since Jesus is your peace, live as \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ & one another.

### **Ephesians 2:19–22 ESV**

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## **Ephesians 2:20–22 ESV**

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## **1 Peter 2:6 ESV**

6 For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Isaiah 28:16 ESV

16 therefore thus says the Lord GOD,  
“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,  
a stone, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:  
‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’

## **1 Corinthians 3:11 ESV**

11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

## **Ephesians 2:22 ESV**

22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Since Jesus is your peace, He desires to reconcile you.

...to reconcile you vertically—in relationship to Him.

...to reconcile you horizontally—in relationship to one another in the church.

## **Revelation 5:9 ESV**

9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

## **Revelation 7:9 ESV**

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

**Since Jesus is your peace, live as one with Christ & one another.**

## **Discussion Questions:**

**1. Pray.**

**2. Over what types of issues have you seen Christians divided?**

**3. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What are your initial observations?**

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**4. What do verses 11-12 remind you about your past?**

a. In what way(s) does Paul's explanation in verse 12 help you see who you were?

b. Why is remembering who you were before Christ important?

**5. Why are verses 13-18 considered "Good News"?**

a. What do these verses tell you about Christ's work in your life?

b. What do these verses tell you about how Jesus is your peace?

**6. Why do you think Paul used the imagery of "citizens" and "members of the household" in verse 19?**

**7. What do verses 19-22 tell us about God's master plan for your life?  
The church?**

**8. The big idea from the sermon was: Since Jesus is your peace, live as one with Christ & one another.**

a. In what ways have you seen Jesus as peace in your life?

b. In what ways would you like to see Jesus as peace in your life?

**9. Pray.**