

One New Man

Eph 2: 11-22 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain **one new man**, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Why do people look to join gangs?

We all have a desire that has been put in by God to be part of something. Today we have the Puerto Rican day parade. We celebrate nationality, gender and family time to show our uniqueness to all. This especially effects the young people as they look to who they are.

Young people the thoughts that arise in their mind is to belong to a group of friends or acquaintances. The family that they live with feel they do not understand them. So, they seek to be joined to another group. They are like genesis 34 in which Dinah found in verse one went out to see the daughters of the land. The curiosity got a hold of her and she is raped. Curiosity of a young individual is a dangerous place. That longing to fit in with people your own age is a desire that we all have. We want to share in community the word speaks common unity. But along with that there are other traps such as greed, lust, hopelessness, low self esteem, idle time, freedom from supervision, family connection, what all my neighbors are doing, no one to lead them to learn good, glorification of the lifestyle, mental health, depression, fear and peer pressure, threats of violence to family or to themselves and a host of others.

But how many groups did The Lord God created?

Acts 17:25-27 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
26 **And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth,** and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

Mankind-is one blood. But Lord God has made uniqueness within each and everyone of us. The Lord God formed us and we are made after his image.

1-Broken down and no hope

Before Christ there is two groups.

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Paul is speaking to the gentiles in the flesh. The Jews called them uncircumcised there was a difference the Jews were circumcised. Not only were they not Jews. They were without Christ, aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel, strangers, the covenant of promise, no hope and lastly without God in the world. It is like in the same chapter where he starts off when they were dead in their sins and trespasses. A lot of barriers to stop them from going on with God.

Prior to Salvation

Eph 2: ²Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

2-The Blood that makes us One new Man

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain **one new man**, so making peace;

Ephesians chapter 2 has 2 but verses in verse 4 but God who is rich in mercy, now we read in verse 13 but now in Christ Jesus.

Christ Jesus the gentile race we're far off they could not come close in the temple they had the court of the gentiles. But because of the blood of Jesus Christ they are now able to come close to Christ and to God.

- The blood breaks down barriers.
- The blood is our peace.
- The blood breaks down the walls.
- The blood abolishes the hostility
- The blood makes one new man
- The blood answers the commandments

3-Reconciled Access Saints and Fellow Citizens

16 And that he might **reconcile** both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Reconcile -to reconcile back again, bring back to a former state of harmony
The cross brought back again to the former state of harmony Jew and Gentile alike. The cross killed was slain the enmity

Enmity- the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something. David Guzik -***The law as a source of righteousness is no longer an issue. That source of enmity between Jew and Gentile is dead.***

Fellow Citizens -possessing the same citizenship as others.

The cross by reconciliation and killing the enmity. Has now given us the ability to preach peace to those who are far off that being the gentile. And to them that are nigh that being the Jews.

For through Jesus Christ and the cross we have access by 1 spirit unto the father.

Now is the biggest word in verse 19. Therefore we are no more strangers, foreigners but **we are now** fellow citizens with the Saints and the household of God.

This is a mystery of Christ revealed.

Eph 3: 3 -6 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery;
(as I wrote afore in few words,
4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the
mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the
sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by
the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body,
and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

4-Built up for the habitation of God

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus
Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy
temple in the Lord:
22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through
the Spirit.

Now the Lord wanted to build he used the cross of Christ the wood and the
nails and all the suffering that goes with it. And now we are built upon the
foundation of the apostles and prophets. But Jesus Christ is the
cornerstone he's not only the cornerstone he is the chief cornerstone. The
whole building is framed and made to grow off and to be measured by the
chief cornerstone. We grow or rather we are growing unto a holy temple in
the Lord. We are billed together for what a habitation of God through the
spirit of God. No longer the temple no longer the Tabernacle in the
wilderness but rather we are a habitation of God through the spirit. God
calls us to abide. Jesus Christ is not our vacation spot he is our habitation.

Ps 133 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell
together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the
beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the
mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life
for evermore.

V14 He is our peace-the barriers a verse 11 and 12 could not come down unless for the Prince of peace

V15 making peace-because of Christ Jesus because of himself according to verse 15 he was the only one to make bonafide peace

V 17 Preached peace -only Christ through the gospel can preach peace to Jew and gentile one was near but not close enough, one was so far but Christ Jesus brought them nigh or near. Both Jew and Gentile making them through peace One New Man.