

L64 | Ephesians | "But Now in Christ" | Eph. 2:11-18

I. Intro/Review:

- Time Past
 - Far Off Aliens and Strangers
 - Gentile judgment
 - Jewish despisal

II. Preview:

- The Lord's Earthly Ministry
- But Now in Christ

III. Sermon:

**But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
{Eph 2:13}**

- **"But now in Christ Jesus"**
 - Not now "in Israel" or "with Israel"
 - Part of the exceeding greatness of His power wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.
 - Not simply rise to reign in Israel, but at the Father's right hand.
 - Christ is the greater Israel and He doesn't simply have salvation in view
 - In Ephesians 2:1-10 - Adamic identity to identity in Christ (justification)
 - In Ephesians 2:11-18 - Dispensational identity - far off (election)
 - Reconciling the World
 - From previous "given up" (gave up, up, over) state - far off
 - Rom. 5:9-10
 - Rom. 9:22-33
 - Rom. 10:11-13 - Lord over all (:9 - raised from the dead)
 - Acts 17:30-31
 - Rom. 11:11-15, 30-36
 - 2 Cor. 5:18-21
 - Not individual reconciliation, nor in one body, but the reconciling of the world
 - The status change of the world
 - **"ye who sometimes were far off"**
 - Aliens and strangers
 - The temple - divided into different places or courts

- Most important - holiest of all - Heb. 10:1ff
 - Only one man allowed to go - high priest once a year - Heb. 10:11
 - Heb. 10:12 - doesn't stand, but sits
 - Outer court - court of the Gentiles
 - Eph.
- **"are made nigh by the blood of Christ."**
 - Lev. 21:21 - "come nigh"
 - Heb. 7:19 - "draw nigh"
 - Not by the law - the blood of bulls and goats
 - Gentiles today don't go through the law
 - **"are made"** - aorist (happened and continues - passive indicative)
 - **"nigh"** - near, at hand
 - "made us accepted in the beloved" (Eph. 1:6)
 - **"access"** - to that which the temple signified, not its type and shadow
 - Rom. 5:1-2
 - Eph. 2:18, 3:12 (Heb. 4:16; 10:18-22)
 - The fruit of the covenant - the testament, the testimony of Christ we partake of
 - Rom. 15:

**For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
{Eph 2:14}**

**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;
{Eph 2:15}**

**And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
{Eph 2:16}**

**And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
{Eph 2:17}**

**For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
{Eph 2:18}**

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IV. Conclusion: