

# L66 | Ephesians | "Israelites & Gentiles Both One Pt. 2" | Eph. 2:11-18

## I. Intro/Review:

- Time Past
  - Gentiles in the flesh
  - Called uncircumcision
  - Without Christ
    - Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
    - Strangers from the covenants of promise
    - Having no hope
    - Without God in the world
- But Now
  - Not Isa. 11:10
  - Not Isa. 42:6; Isa. 49:6; 54:3; 60:3, 5; 61:6; 62:2
  - Not Isa. 66:10-12
  - Not Rom. 15:8-12
  - Isa. 9:7
- The Unsearchable Judgment of God In Christ - Rom. 11:30-36
  - 2 Cor. 5:19 - reconciling of the world - In Christ for the world (Rom. 2; 2 Cor. 5)
    - Rom. 5:10
    - Rom. 9:22-24
    - Rom. 11:12-15
  - God's nighness to the world
    - Deut. 4:7 - God nigh to Israel
    - Lev. 21:21 - come nigh to God
  - Not imputing trespasses
    - Rom. 5:13 - From Adam to Moses - sin not imputed when no law - Adam's transgression
    - 2 Cor. 5:19 - not imputing their trespasses unto them (not shewing wrath)
  - Acts 14:27 - "how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles"

## II. Preview:

- For He is our peace
- Made both One
- Broken down the middle wall of partition

## III. Sermon:

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

- **"For He is our peace"**
  - **"For"** - further explanation of "but now in Christ Jesus"
    - Although Israelites were nigh they were not nigh enough
    - Gentiles were far off
    - Now made nigh not by the blood of bulls and goats, but "by the blood of Christ".
  - **"He is our peace"**
    - **"He"** - the Lord Jesus Christ by His blood
    - **"our"** - Israelites and Gentiles | circumcision and uncircumcision
      - Not just Israelites and Gentiles but believing Israelites and Gentiles
    - **"peace"** - a state of quiet or tranquility; harmony; concord; a state of reconciliation
      - **"enmity"** - Eph. 2:15 - the quality of being an enemy; the opposite of friendship; ill will
    - 1. Sin & Ungodliness - Rom. 1:20-32 (:24)
      - Dishonor own bodies between themselves
      - All under sin (Rom. 3:9)
    - 2. The Corruption of Circumcision - Rom. 2:17ff
      - Not a Jew outwardly, but inwardly
      - Lev. 26:19 - break pride of power
      - Isa. 9:9, 28:1, 3
      - Eze. 16:49
      - Rom. 11:22-23
    - 3. The Law of Commandments
      - Against nations defilement
      - Lev. 18:1ff (:24, 28)
      - Rom. 3:20 - "for by the law is the knowledge of sin"
      - Deut. 11:28-29 - blessing and curse for the nations
- **"who hath made both one"**
  1. **"for He is our peace"** - Christ is our peace by virtue of what is explained
  2. **"who hath made both one"** - Christ is our peace by making both one
    - Two becoming one
      1. Eph. 1:10

2. Eph. 2:12, 15

3. Eph. 5:31

3. **"and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;"** - Christ is our peace by making both one by breaking down this middle wall

- What is the middle wall of partition?
  - Many say this refers to the Temple's outer court for the Gentiles, that separated from the inner court into which only Jews might enter.
  - Not addressing the physical wall for it was unbroken when Paul wrote this
  - The spiritual wall, what verse :15 states
    - "even the law of commandments contained in ordinances"
  - Romans 7:12 - the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."
  - Romans 7:14 - For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."
- Circumcision before the law but also in the law
  - Jn. 7:22-23 - "... (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;)..."
  - Rom. 2:25 - "For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law:"
- Circumcision, the law, and the man-made enmity
- "and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;"
  - Christ has done this; however, Israel is ignorant of it and don't believe it - Rom. 9:30-31, 10:1-4
- **Review** - The exceeding greatness of God's power in Christ to the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. (Eph. 1:19-23)

**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}**

#### IV. Conclusion: