

## **Ephesians**

### **The Church: Christ's Body to a Broken World**

#### **Ephesians 2:11-22**

**Genesis 3:15 (ESV) — 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.**

### **1. ALIENATION – Humanity has a PROBLEM**

**Ephesians 2:11–12 (ESV)**

**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—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.**

**Deuteronomy 32:8 (ESV) — When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.**

**Luke 4:5–6 (ESV) — And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.**

**Genesis 12:1–3 (ESV) — Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**

**Ephesians 2:12 (ESV) — 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.**



### **2. REDEMPTION – God has a PROVISION**

**Ephesians 2:13 (ESV)**

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

**Genesis 3:21 (ESV) — And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.**

**Genesis 4:3–5 (ESV) — In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel**

also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Hebrews 9:22 (ESV) — Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 10:5–7 (ESV) — Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”

### **3. RECONCILIATION – God brought us PEACE**

Ephesians 2:14–18 (ESV)

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 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, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:14–16 (ESV)

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➤ **Jesus, the PRINCE of peace (v 14a) came to earth PROVIDING peace (v 15b) and is now PROCLAIMING peace to all people (v 17).**

Ephesians 2:15a (ESV)

By abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances ...

Matthew 5:17 (ESV)

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Ephesians 2:16 (ESV)

And might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Ephesians 2:14 (ESV)

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Ephesians 2:15b (ESV)

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**2 Corinthians 5:16–17 (ESV)** — *From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

#### **4. RESTORATION – God fulfilled His PROMISE**

**Ephesians 2:19–22 (ESV)**

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

##### ➤ **One NATION**

**Ephesians 2:19b (ESV)**

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints ...*

**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)**

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

##### ➤ **One FAMILY**

**Ephesians 2:19b (ESV)**

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are*

*... members of the household of God*

**Romans 8:15 (ESV)** — *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”*

**Romans 10:12–13 (ESV)**

*For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

##### ➤ **One TEMPLE**

**Ephesians 2:20–22 (ESV)**

*Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

**1 Peter 2:5–6 (ESV)**

*You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 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.”*

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ – **Humanity has a** \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ – **God has a** \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – **God brought us** \_\_\_\_\_

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