

Ephesians 2:11 – 3:13

Our new life in Christ – part 2

A. This new life brings us into a new family (vs. 2:11-12)

1. What does it mean that the Jewish people are a chosen people?
2. What did the Jewish people believed saved them?
 - a. What was the purpose of circumcision?
3. What were the two things that led the Jewish people to view Gentiles as unclean?
4. What did the Gentiles live without?
5. How does one become a part of the family of God?

B. To be adopted into the family of God is to have peace with God. (2:13-14)

1. What does it mean to be at enmity with God?
2. You cannot experience the peace of God unless you have what?
3. What are some examples where you experienced the peace of God despite what you were facing?
4. What was the wall of hostility between Jews and Gentiles?
 - a. What did that result in?

5. Jesus' death on the cross brought an end to what?
6. Today God's people live under what covenant?
 - a. How did that play into bringing down the wall of hostility?

C. We are given the privilege of telling others how they can become a part of God's family (3:1-13)

1. Why did Paul refer to himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus rather than Rome?
2. Why would someone feel imprisoned to something?
 - a. What situations can lead some to feel they have been imprisoned?
 - b. How can this affect how we view life?
3. How was Paul's and John Bunyan's situation similar?
 - a. How did both handle it?
 - b. What do believers need to do to turn their situation from hinderances to opportunities?
4. A mystery in the bible is something that cannot be known through natural means but needs to be revealed through divine revelation.