

Sermon Slides | May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**VERSE 1 | WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRESPASSES AND SINS**  
**VERSES 4-5 | BUT GODD... BEING RICH IN MNERCY WE WERE SAVED BY GRACE**  
**VERSE 10 | WE ARE PURPOSED FOR GOOD WORKS**  
**VERSES 13-14 | WE ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS WITHOUT HOPE AND PEACE**  
**VERSE 16 | WE HAVE BEEN RECONCILED PUTTING HOSTILITY TO DEATH**

Before Christ, you were dead. Now through Christ you have been reconciled to the Father.

Verse 17

There is good news of peace

Jesus preached the good news of peace in his ministry  
Jesus displayed the good news of peace in hie crucifixion  
Jesus finalized the good news of peace in the resurrection

One of the greatest truths of the gospel is peace

1. The context of this letter
2. The context of our world today

“Typically when Paul wrote letters, he wrote to correct something, but in Ephesians we encounter little of that. It is more reflective and less corrective. It was a circular letter, distributed and read by the churches in the Asia Minor region and, therefore, comes to us in general form. Paul does not name particular false teachers, mention specific problems in the church at Ephesus, or include his travel plans as he does in other letters. As a result Ephesians resonates with contemporary Christians because it seems Paul could have written the letter to ta twenty-first-century church.”

1. Rest in that peace.
2. Share that peace.

Verse 18

For through Christ

In one Spirit

To the father

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Verses 19-20

You are no longer foreigners or strangers

You're citizens with the saints  
You're members of God's household, his family!  
You're in unison with the apostles and prophets  
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**Our Kingdom Citizenship means we belong.**

**Our adoption into the family of God means we are wanted, valued, and loved.**

**As a stone in God's Temple, we are part of something bigger, something holy.**

So, what is this incredible, earthly result and benefit of accepting the gospel?

### **THE CHURCH**

#### **VERSES 20-22**

It is all about Christ.

Because Christ is what unites us, the church should be the unified building in the world.

#### **CHRIST IS THE CONERSTONE**

IN HIM the whole building is being put together to grow

IN HIM we are put together for God's dwelling

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5. The gospel leads us to exist as the church.

Walk in obedience.

Walk in Unity.

Walk in community.

Walk in the beautiful benefit of belonging to God's Church.