

**NOTES: Ephesians | Unity and Peace, Ephesians 2.11-22**  
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Ephesians 2.11-12

Verse 12 gives five privileges the Gentiles lacked (and anyone without Jesus)

1. They were without Christ.
2. They were excluded from citizens of Israel
3. Strangers to the promises.
4. They had no hope
5. Without God

**Ephesians 2.13-22**

**1. Jesus brings close those far away (v. 13).**

*“For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”* (1 Corinthians 1:18, NASB95)

**2. Jesus is our Peace (well-being)**

He broke down the dividing wall (v.14)

*“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.”* (Romans 5:1–2, NASB95)

Jesus reconciled us all in His body.

Jesus became our peace by putting to death the hostility (v.16).

**3. We have access to God**

- No longer strangers or foreigners/ we are fellow citizens with the saints, part of God’s family.
- We are part of what has been build in history by the apostles and prophets (v.

**4. God’s Ultimate Plan**

He is building His Church (v.21)

He is building us together (v. 22)

*“But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.”*  
(1 Peter 2:9–10, NASB95)

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## EXTRA: Ephesians | Unity and Peace, Ephesians 2.11-22

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1. Read Ephesians 2.11-12 and think about each of these 5 components of the Gentiles before Christ.

1. They were without Christ.
2. They were excluded from citizens of Israel
3. Strangers to the promises.
4. They had no hope
5. Without God

2. How do these 5 things relate to your life before Christ?

**3. Read Ephesians 2.13-22**

**4. Ponder in your heart 2.13.**

**How are we made close? Was this one time or daily? How can you experience it daily?**

5. *"For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* (1 Corinthians 1:18, NASB95)

Why is the cross the manifestation and the reality of the power of God?

**6. Jesus is our Peace** (well-being)

No difference between races.

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* (Galatians 3:28, NASB95)

Pastor talked how the enemy constantly and consistently wants to divide mankind.

How do you see this happening in history.

How do you see this happening now?

How do you see this happening in churches?

How do you see this happening in your own family?

How do you see this attempt even in your marriage or singleness?

7. Take time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you, if you are being used in division, and fulfilling the enemy's agenda by separating people? Ask for forgiveness, help, strength, and to be a peacemaker.

8. Read the passage again. What peace in God do you now experience? When do you experience God's peace the most?

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9. Take time for thanksgiving and praise, expressing gratitude for Peace, unity, the cross, new life, His Church.