

**The Believer's Position in Relation to the Corporate Body
Ephesians 2:11-22**

Introduction: There are three things given us in this passage that we should never take for granted, yet often do. The family that we have been made a part of in Christ, the access that we have to God in Christ, and the fact that in Christ we have been reconciled to God and to one another. Paul emphasizes these truths as he once again reminds us of who we were vs. who we are in Christ.

I. Who we were (2:11-12)

- A. Separate from Christ
- B. Excluded from the commonwealth of Israel
- C. Strangers to covenants of promise
- D. Having no hope
- E. Without God

II. Who we are (2:13-22)

- A. We are reconciled- (13-17)
 - 1. The means
 - 2. The method
 - 3. The purpose
 - 4. The product
- B. We have access (18)
- C. We have fellowship (19-22)
 - 1. Fellow citizens
 - 2. The dwelling of God

Conclusion: How are you treating your family? What are you doing with your access? Are you living in light of the fact that you have been reconciled to God? Three good questions to ask ourselves each day!

Questions for discussion/application

- How does this passage emphasize the importance and necessity of special revelation?
 - General revelation is that which is revealed about God through His creation (Psalm 19:1-6)
 - Special revelation is that which is revealed about God through His Word (Psalm 19:7-11)
- Racism is a huge topic in our country right now. How does this passage help us address the issue of race from a Biblical perspective. How does this differ from how our culture is trying to address this issue?
- What does it mean when it says in v. 15 that the law was abolished? How does that apply to our Christian lives today?
- Can you list some of the benefits of having access to God? How would your life be different without this access?
- How should the fact that we are now fellow citizens with the saints, citizens of heaven, impact how we see and interact with the World around us?