



The Mystery #22

Ephesians 2:11-22

How Grace Unifies the Church Pt6

11 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— 12 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. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 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, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it look like to pay attention to the condition of your soul? Is this something that you do?
2. How have you seen your heart transformed over time? How does individual transformation create unity?
3. Can you accept and believe doctrine that you cannot fully understand? Why or why not? Why might a person be encouraged by faith in that which they cannot fully explain or understand? What do your answers tell you?
4. How does an obsession with the wrong access cause damage? How are you tempted to access God apart from Christ?
5. What does your prayer life look like? Contrast educated and uneducated prayer. Is yours educated? How does this affect unity?
6. What is God showing you with this lesson and how can it help you to encourage, grow, and protect unity?