

# United in Christ

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

## Man's Sinful Condition, Ephesians 2:1-10

1. We are dead in our sins
2. We are disobedient
3. We are without hope, doomed

## Our hope is found in God's g\_\_\_\_\_

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Romans 6:23**

***God's incredible compassion  
is His mercy and His grace***

## We have a humble obligation to live up to

- To put our trust in the Lord
- To focus our attention on others, rather than placing it \_\_\_\_\_

***Transition from the World at Large  
to the Church at Ephesus specifically.***

## Who the Ephesians were in the past.

### 1. Gentiles were a people "w\_\_\_\_\_."

*Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. **Ephesians 2:11-12***

### Separated and "without"

1. They were without Christ
2. They were without a c\_\_\_\_\_
3. They were without any covenant with God

*In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ ‘But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’* **Luke 16:23-26**

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.* **Romans 1:18-23**

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”*

*They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”*

*But what about you?” he asked.*

*“Who do you say I am?”*

*Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

*Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.* **Matthew 16:14-18**

## **2. Christ “r\_\_\_\_\_” us all back to God.**

*Who the Ephesians were in the past.*

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace*

to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. **Ephesians 2:14-18**

**Reconciliation is the gracious i\_\_\_\_\_ of God on behalf of people who are lost.**

**To reconcile means to bring together again.**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:17-19***

**Abolish means to n\_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. **Isaiah 43:25***

*For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **Romans 10:12-13***

**Do you love Christ?**

**Do you live for Christ daily?**

**Are you willing to die for Him, like He was willing to die for you?**

**3. We have become u\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

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*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

## The spirit of unity in Christ

- One nation—“*fellow citizens with God’s people*”
- One f \_\_\_\_\_ , the Church—“*members of God’s household*”
- One temple—God dwelt with His people

*Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day* **Genesis 3:8**

*Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God.* **Exodus 29:45**

- God's presence filled the temple after the Ark of the Covenant was brought into the Holy Place. **1 Kings 8:10-13**

## God dwelled in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.* **John 1:14**

## God, the Holy Spirit lives inside our b\_\_\_\_\_.

*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.* **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

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