

EPHESIANS: *GOSPEL TRUTHS LEAD TO GOSPEL LIVING*
Citizenship – Ephesians 2:11–2:22

Outline

- I. Ephesians 2:11–12
 - a. The Divide
 - i. Religious
 - ii. Cultural
 - iii. Racial
- II. Ephesians 2:13–16
 - a. Reconciliation: What is it?
 - i. 2 Corinthians 5:17–20
 - ii. Reconcile the dividing wall of hostility
- III. Ephesians 2:17–22
 - a. Same access to God
 - b. From strangers and aliens to citizens
 - c. New Testament church is the people—not a building

Questions for individual Bible study or group discussion

1. Read Ephesians 2:11–12, Deuteronomy 14:2, Isaiah 43:1.
 - a. The Israelites were God’s chosen people—what was their attitude because of that? What should have been their attitude because of that?
 - b. Read Ephesians 1:3–11: What should our attitude be about the truths in these verses?
2. There were religious, cultural, and racial divides in the time of Ephesus. Read Ephesians 2:13–16.
 - a. What does this teach us about reconciliation?
 - b. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17–20. What is God’s role in reconciliation? What is our role in reconciliation? What practical steps do you need to take for reconciliation in your life?
 - c. Read Galatians 3:28–29 and Colossians 3:10–11.
 - i. These passages are not meant to break down all distinctions in society (gender, talent, wealth, nationality, respect, role of office, etc.) but teach that no man or woman has an advantage or disadvantage in their standing before God because of these distinctions. All are sinners and in need of the grace of God through Christ Jesus. Write down or discuss your thoughts on this matter and how it applies to your life.
3. Read Ephesians 2:17–22.
 - a. What are truths that you see in this passage?
 - b. What does it practically mean and look like for a local church to “grow into a holy temple, being built together?” What is a goal of the local church based on this passage? How are you being involved in that goal?