

United In Christ
Lesson 3
Ephesians 2:11 - 22

Remembering the Past – Ephesians 2:11-12

1. As apostle to the Gentiles, for Paul the human condition without Christ was never far from his mind. In this letter he began to recount some of the ways these Gentiles had been alienated from God. Make a list of what Paul asked them to remember about that past life. (Ephesians 2:11, 12)

Reality of the Present – Ephesians 2:13-22

2. But in Christ, what is the new reality? (Ephesians 2:13)

3. Everything had changed in Christ. Paul described Christ as our _____.
(Ephesians 2:14a)

4. What did Christ do to unite Jews and Gentiles into one people? (Ephesians 2:14b-15a)

5. What was God's stated purpose in doing this through Christ? (Ephesians 2:15b)

6. Through His death on the cross, how has the relationship changed: (Ephesians 2:16)
 - Between God and mankind

- Between Jew and Gentile

7. Paul's reflection on the life of Christ is found in verses 17 and 18.

- Why did Christ come?

- Who is this for?

- What do "we" have through Him?

8. For all those who are in Christ, what is the new reality? (Ephesians 2:19)

Past

No longer

In Christ

But

9. Paul described the universal church (all those in Christ) like a building, the Temple. What is the foundation? (Ephesians 2:20)

10. What is the importance of Christ to this building? (Ephesians 2:21)

11. What about the individual (stones) of the building? (Ephesians 2:22)

Reflect:

12. Through His death on the cross, Christ has "*destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.*" (Ephesians 2:14) As the church of the 21st century, what barriers and walls have we put up that can divide the church?

13. Based on verses 14 - 18, what do you think your attitude should be on those issues that become barriers and walls?