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South Sub Church

“Our Spiritual Unity”

Ephesians-Our Wealth in Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22 (ELT)

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

Sermon Summary:

Everyone desires to live a life of meaning. And there is no greater way to live with true purpose than through a deep, abiding relationship with Jesus. The Apostle Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reveals the key to experiencing this kind of life. In **Part I** of this series, we’ll explore the spiritual wealth we have as followers of Jesus—including the abundant blessings and divine wisdom available to us. In **Part II**, we’ll deepen our understanding of our spiritual position as believers and the responsibilities that come with it—how we are called to live out our faith in light of what Christ has done.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. If you could instantly build a bridge to anywhere in the world, where would it go? Who would you invite to walk across it with you?
2. Describe a time that you felt like an outsider.
3. What’s one thing that always makes you feel “at home” no matter where you are?
4. What’s your go-to strategy for keeping the peace during family gatherings or awkward group situations?



Scripture Study Questions:

1. What does he ask those in the church in Ephesus to remember in verse 11?
2. What five descriptions are given of their condition before Christ in verse 12?
3. What is the "dividing wall of hostility" that Christ has broken down (v.14)?
4. In verses 15–16, how does Christ create "one new man" from the two groups (Jews and Gentiles)?
5. What role does the cross play in ending hostility (v.16)?
6. What does it mean that "through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father" in verse 18?
7. What shift in belonging is Paul highlighting when he contrasts two identities: strangers/aliens vs. citizens/members in verse 19?
8. What is the foundation of this new spiritual household according to verses 20–21?
9. Why is it significant that Christ is the "structure" of the household mentioned in verses 20–21? is the cornerstone?
10. How does verse 22 describe the community of believers?

Application Questions:

1. How does becoming "one" in Christ impact the way you should approach racial, cultural, or political differences with other believers?
2. Since we are no longer "strangers and foreigners," but "members of God's family," how should you interact and treat others in the church?
3. The sermon talked about Jesus as a "bridge builder." What are some practical ways you can build bridges in your everyday life?
4. Where in your life right now do you feel most tempted to build walls instead of building bridges?
5. Who is someone you've been hesitant to reach out to or reconcile with? How could you take the first step toward rebuilding that relationship?
6. What are some specific ways you can build bridges in your neighborhood, workplace, or family this week?