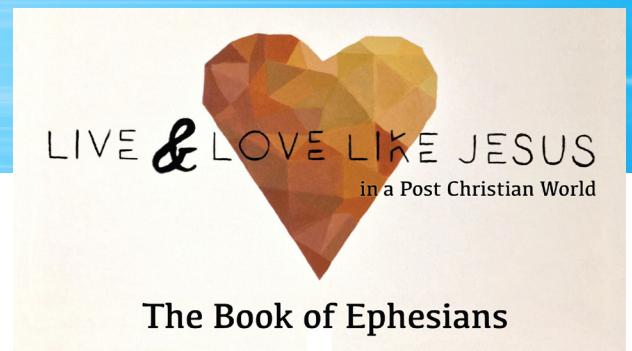


Discussion Questions

November 13, 2022

Ephesians 2:11-22

He is our Peace



1. What does being hostile mean to you? What does it look like? Feel like?
2. Can you remember a time or identify a space where there was a “dividing wall of hostility” between you and God or you and another person/group?
3. Can you remember a time when you forgot the grace of God towards you and retaliated against another person?
4. What does the “Peace of God” look like in your life? Feel like?
5. How could you participate better with the Holy Spirit to be an agent of peace in your world?



Ephesians 2:11-16

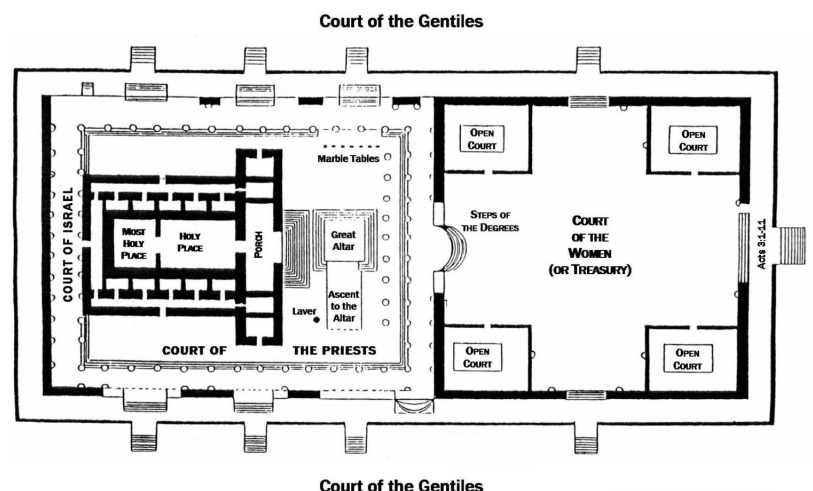
Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands — remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But 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 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, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Ephesians Chapter 1

- We are "In Christ"
- He, Christ, is seated at the right hand of the Father
- Prayer: wisdom and revelation
- That the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened
- That we would know the hope that we are called to

Ephesians Chapter 2

- We also once walked in the spirit of this world
 - We followed the wrong leader
 - We were by nature hostile to God (Children of wrath)
 - We were dead in our sin and our trespasses
 - But we have been made alive in Christ
 - Because of His great mercy and kindness (by grace we have been saved through faith)
 - We are His workmanship
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- Apostles – all Jewish
 - Pentecost – all Jewish
 - Philip in Samaria – first blip
 - Ethiopian Eunuch – second blip
 - Cornelius – major breakthrough

Interior of Herod's Temple at Jerusalem

Colossians 3:11

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Acts 9:1

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 26:13 - 16

At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

Mark 11:25 - 26

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Matthew 6:14 – 15

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Colossians 3:8

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

Ephesians 4:30 – 31

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

James 1:19 - 20

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 30:33

For pressing milk produces curds, pressing the nose produces blood, and pressing anger produces strife.