

Ephesians 2:11-22 **Jew & Gentile – Reconciled by Blood of Christ**

Gentiles – Without Hope

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Jews & Gentiles reconciled to God in one body – Christ is our Peace

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Fellow citizens with the Saints – Members of the household of God

17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
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Facts Revealed:

Gentiles – Without Hope [Ephesians 2:11-12]

- ✠ Jews called themselves as the circumcised, and viewed the Gentiles as the Uncircumcised.
- ✧ The promises to Abraham and the Children of Israel gave the Jews a sense of security with God and a bright hope for the future.
- ✧ The Gentiles were seen as having no hope, and without God in the world.
- ✧ Without Christ the Gentiles were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, being strangers from the covenants of promise.

Jews & Gentiles reconciled to God in one body – Christ is our Peace [Ephesians 2:13-16]

- ✠ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [Ephesians 2:13]
- ✧ In speaking of the Gentiles who had been considered aliens and strangers without hope, Paul now demonstrates that the Gentiles have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ, and as they are brought near to God they are brought near the Jews who also believe.
- ✧ Christ Himself becomes the binding tie that brings the Jews and Gentiles together in one body in peace.
- ✧ Christ broke down the wall of animosity by His redeeming blood and He abolished the enmity between Jew and Gentile.
- ✧ The rules and regulations of Judaism are removed as a separation between Jew and Gentile and replaced with acceptance by the Grace of God through faith in the redeeming work of the cross and the sacrifice of the blood of Christ.

- ✧ Christ thus in Himself made one new body from the two, thus making peace that He might reconcile both Jew and Gentile to God in one body.

Fellow citizens with the Saints – Members of the household of God [\[Ephesians 2:17-22\]](#)

- ✧ He came and preached peace to you who were afar off (Gentiles) and to those who were near (Jews).
 - ✧ Through Christ, both Jew and Gentile, have access to God by the Holy Spirit.
 - ✧ Therefore, Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints and members of the household of God.
 - ✧ Saints of God have been built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets.
 - ✧ Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone in Whom the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
 - ✧ The Gentiles and Jews are being built together for a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.
 - ✧ All, Jew and Gentile, are together in Christ Jesus our Lord.