

Walk in the Spirit

Ephesians 2:11-22

Lesson 13

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Briefly describe the blessing of being saved by *grace* through *faith*.
2. Too often we forget the power of the Cross and its all-transforming power. Before Christ we were lost and without hope. However, our status has now changed from being estranged to being *members of the household of God*.

In Ephesians Chapter 1, Paul elaborated on the blessings that have become ours *in Christ*. Then, in Ephesians Chapter 2, Paul reminded his readers of their former condition and the glory of what the Cross had done for them. Read the passages below and provide a title for each section:

- a. Ephesians 2:11-13
 - b. Ephesians 2:14-16
 - c. Ephesians 2:17-18
 - d. Ephesians 2:19-22
3. Ask God to enhance your appreciation of the Cross as you study Ephesians 2:11-22.

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
Ephesians 2:18

SECOND DAY: Read Ephesians 2:11-13

1. In Paul's day, the Jews and Gentiles were in conflict with one another. The Jews viewed the Gentiles as outsiders, as seen through the fact that they were *called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision* (Jews). Why do you suppose Paul wanted the Ephesians to *remember* this? Ephesians 2:11

2. Use Ephesians 2:12 to list what they were to *remember* about their former condition:

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

(1) How do you relate to this description?

3. *But now* what has been done *in Christ Jesus*? Ephesians 2:13a

a. *By* what means had this been accomplished? Ephesians 2:13b

(1) What does this convey to you concerning the *blood of Christ*?

4. Link Ephesians 2:11-13 with Colossians 1:21-22 and contrast your former condition with what Jesus has done.

a. Share how you were *brought near by the blood of Christ*.

THIRD DAY: Read Ephesians 2:14-16

1. The *middle wall of separation* refers to an actual barrier in the temple that blocked the court of the Gentiles from the Jewish courts. What was Paul communicating about the work of Jesus? Ephesians 2:14
 - a. According to Ephesians 2:14a what did Jesus *Himself* become?
 - (1) How does this truth minister to you?
2. What has Jesus *abolished in His flesh*? Ephesians 2:15a
 - a. What was the source of this? Ephesians 2:15b
 - (1) Link this with Colossians 2:13-14 and comment further on what was *abolished*.
 - b. What did Jesus *create*? Ephesians 2:15c
 - (1) What ensued as a result of this work? Ephesians 2:15d
3. From Ephesians 2:16 write the two things Paul reiterated that were accomplished.
 - a. *Through* what means were these accomplished?
 - (1) What does this convey to you about *the cross* of Jesus?
4. From your study today, what have you gleaned about the power of *the cross*?

FOURTH DAY: Read Ephesians 2:17-18

1. According to Ephesians 2:17a, what did Jesus do?
 - a. Use Romans 5:1 to describe His message.

2. To whom did Jesus preach? Ephesians 2:17b
 - a. Link this with the parable in Matthew 22:1-14. What parallels do you find?

3. What do Jews and Gentiles *both have*? Ephesians 2:18
 - a. Use the following Scriptures to remark on this *access*:
 - (1) Romans 5:2

 - (2) Hebrews 4:15-16

 - (3) Hebrews 10:19-22

4. Share a way you are blessed by:
 - a. the message of Christ - Ephesians 2:17

 - b. the *access* we have to the Father - Ephesians 2:18

FIFTH DAY: Read Ephesians 2:19–22

1. Because of what Christ has done for us, what are we *no longer*? Ephesians 2:19a
 - a. By contrast, describe your new status. Ephesians 2:19b
 - (1) How are you blessed to be one of the *members of the household of God*?
2. What is the *household of God* built on? Ephesians 2:20a
 - a. Why is this *foundation* sure? See 2 Peter 1:16–19.
 - b. Who is the *chief cornerstone* of this *foundation*? Ephesians 2:20b
 - (1) In construction the *cornerstone* is the starting point and guide for building the entire structure. How does this fact enhance what Paul was saying? See 1 Corinthians 3:11.
3. According to Ephesians 2:21, what else does *the chief cornerstone* do?
 - a. Use 1 Peter 2:5 to identify your part in this new *building*.
4. For what purpose are *we being built together*? Ephesians 2:22
 - a. Link this with 1 Corinthians 3:16 and share your thoughts.
 - b. What aspect of this *building* excites you the most?

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. In the following verses from Ephesians 2, Paul used specific phrases to point out that all we have is because of Jesus. Find the phrase(s) and comment on what is yours *through Him*:

a. verse 13

b. verse 15

c. verse 18

d. verse 21

e. verse 22

(1) How does this minister to you about the importance of being *in Christ*?

2. From the following verses, comment on the relationship between Jesus and *peace*:

a. verse 14

b. verse 15

c. verse 17

(1) Link this with Hebrews 13:20–21. What do you see?

For He Himself is our peace.
Ephesians 2:14