Ephesians



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	Introduction (1:1–2)	Our Position in Christ	Our Practice on Earth	Conclusion (6:21–24)
		Section 1: What God has done for us (1) Emphasis: sovereignty	Section 1: Our new unity (4:1–16)	
		Section 2: What Christ has done in us (2:1–10) Emphasis: grace	Section 2: Our new walk (4:17–6:9)	
		Section 3: What Christ has done between us (2:11–3:21) Emphasis: reconciliation	Section 3: Our new strength (6:10–20)	
		CHAPTERS 1–3	CHAPTERS 4–6	
Emphasis		Doctrinal: vertical relationship with God	Practical: horizontal relationship with others	
Core Phrase		"He chose us in Him." (1:4)	"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling." (4:1)	
Subjects		Declarations of heavenly truths (God's accomplishments)	Exhortations for earthly living (Christians' assignments)	
Prayers		Paul's prayer for Ephesians (1:15–23) / Paul's prayer for the whole church (3:14–21)	Christians' prayers for one another (6:18–20)	
Theme		The holy community God is creating and how it is to live out its calling		
Key Verses		1:9–10; 4:1–3		
Christ in Ephesians		Jesus is the source of spiritual blessing, the Cornerstone of the church, and the goal of spiritual maturity (1:3; 2:20; 4:11–16).		

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Ephesians 2:8-10 [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- As God's poetry, what is our theme?

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Ephesians 2:11-13 [11]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— [12]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. [13]But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

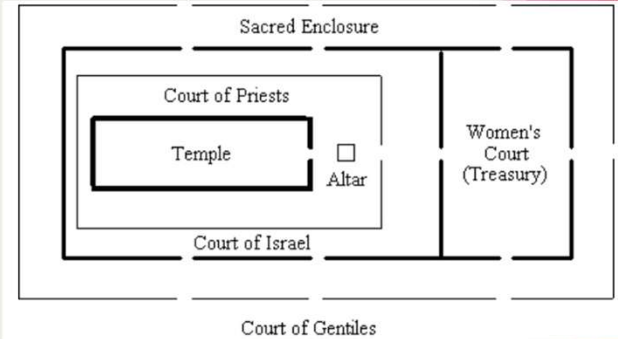
- What is ironic about the Jews referring to the Gentiles as "*the uncircumcision*"?
- Why were the Gentiles separated from Christ previously?

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Ephesians 2:14-18 [14]For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15]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, [16]and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17]And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18]For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

- What does it mean that Jesus is our Peace?
- What is the barrier of the dividing wall?
- What is the law of commandments expressed in ordinances?
- What is the meaning of the phrase "*of the two He makes one new man*"?

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Ephesians 2:19-22 [19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20]built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21]in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22]In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- What is the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ as the cornerstone?
- How are we built together to be a dwelling place?

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Thoughts.
Comments?

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