

Pretend you are one of the Gentiles Paul is writing to. What do you suppose it would mean to you to know that you now are:

▶ *A fellow citizen (vs. 19)*

▶ *A member of the household of God (vs. 19)*

▶ *Being the temple of the Lord (vs. 21)*



Trouble Shooting

▶ *What walls of hostility still seem to cause a great deal of pain for our country and our world?*

▶ *Are there any walls of hostility that affect your personal life?*

▶ *How could Christ help you bridge any personal barriers between you and right now?*

Paul writes, “For he himself is our peace” Do you feel the peace of Christ in your life on a regular basis?

The word for “joined together” in verse 21 is a Greek construction term that describes the painstaking process of grinding, smoothing, and fitting rough stones together. This term can also include the cutting of joints, drilling of holes, the use of dowels of molten lead, and the final testing for structural soundness. How does that process compare to what we go through in the process of becoming a Christian community?

Closing Prayer

Lord God, you are always working for unity and oneness. You are always working for peace and reconciliation. Help me to remove any barriers of hostility in my life and in my home and in my church. Use me to be an instrument of your love and a messenger of your peace. Amen.

Owners Manual For Our Personal Walk with Jesus

*Ephesians 2:11-22
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Assembling

Living in Christ

Sit down and read chapter 2, paying particular attention to verses 11-22.

Here Paul is giving instructions for building the church. What has to first be torn down? What is the new foundation built on? How is this project going to be held together? Do you see yourself in this building project and process?

From the 3 chapters in Acts that you read, what are some of the characteristics and features of Ephesus?

Operating Instructions

Who are the two types of people referred to in verse 11?

Find the 5 disabilities that people faced prior to coming of Christ in verse 12.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

▶ *How did Jesus change all of this? Vs. 13*

Paul often uses the phrase “being in Christ Jesus.” What does that mean to you?

What is the meaning of each of the things Christ accomplished on the cross? (vs 15-16)

- ▶ *Abolishing the law*
- ▶ *Creating the new man*
- ▶ *Reconciling both to God*

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