

“THE STATE OF THE UNION” (Ephesians 2:11-18)

- I. Paul’s greeting to the Church in Ephesus (1:1-2)**
- II. The Wealth of the Church (1:3-3:21)**
 - A. Praise for Redemption (1:3-14)**
 - B. Prayer for Enlightenment (1:15-23)**
 - C. A Positional Change (2:1-10)**
 - D. A Dispensational Change (2:11-22)**
 - a. The blood that invites (2:11-13)**

1. Before the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Gentiles were...

...without _____ (vv. 11-12a).

... _____ to the nation of Israel (vs. 12).

... _____ regarding the covenants of God (vs. 12).

...devoid of _____ (vs. 12)

...absent of _____ (vs. 12)

**How does the conjunction in verse 13 mimic the usage in verse 4? What else can you observe?*

2. After the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Gentiles have been brought _____ and _____ into Christ’s _____ (vs. 13).

Principle to Ponder #1: As God redeems unregenerate and helpless _____ by faith, He also welcomes and receives _____ believers by faith.

**Is this invitation any different for a Jew? Are there any distinctions within the body of Christ?*

b. The body that unites (2:14-18)

1. As the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ has...

..._____ Jews and Gentiles into one body, the _____ (vs. 14).

...broken down the spiritual _____ that previously stood between Jews and Gentiles (vs. 14).

...abolished the _____ between Jews and Gentiles contained in the _____ (vs. 15).

...created a new _____ in Himself (vs. 15).

Principle to Ponder #2: Jesus Christ came into the world to unite everyone into _____ body, namely His _____ body.

...offered _____ to all mankind (vs. 15).

...made _____ with God possible through His work on the cross (vs. 16).

Principle to Ponder #3: Not only does Jesus Christ _____ peace for mankind, He _____ peace for mankind.

2. Since Christ preached the Gospel to both Jews and Gentiles, we should overlook racial, economic, and other _____ differences based upon our common _____ in Him (vs. 17-18).

Principle to Ponder #4: Jewish and Gentile believers have been given a _____ identity which transcends their _____ identity.

**What can we learn from this passage in terms of the world and church today?*