

Ephesians Bible Study - Lesson Four

Directions

You will need a study group for this Bible Study on Ephesians. Pick a few people with whom you can get together and go over the lessons. You may need to compare notes with one another to find the answers.

The answers to all the questions will either be in Notes On The Ephesians 2019 Edition by Dr. Thomas Constable (<https://planobiblechapel.org/constable-notes/>)

You will need a journal or notebook or means of writing down what you are learning and how it is impacting your life as a result.

Ephesians 2:11-22

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. 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. 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.

Ephesians Bible Study (Ephesians 2:11-22)

1. According to verses 1-2, what is the state of people prior to conversion?

2. On page 53-54 of Dr. Constable's notes, what are five benefits the Jewish nation enjoyed that Gentiles did not?

3. On page 54 of Dr. Constable's Notes, what are some examples of the hostility between Jews and Gentiles?

4. According to verses 13-17 what has happened to the hostilities? How did this happen?

5. How did the Church deal with the issue of Gentiles become believers alongside Jews in Acts 15:1-35? What was the major issue? How was it solved

6. What are the implications of this new unity for us ethnically, and as Jewish believers and Gentile believers? (see Dr. Constable's notes page 56).

7. In verses 18-19 what are the benefits both Jews and Gentiles now enjoy as members of the Church?

8. In verse 19 what new status do both Jews and Gentiles enjoy? How has God done this?

9. Based upon your study of verses 19-21 what is the foundation of the Church? See also pages 60-61 of Dr. Constables notes.

10. Read John 14:17, Romans 8:9, 1 John 3:24 and Ephesians 2:19-22. Where now is the temple of God?
