

Christ, The Reconciler

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 52

Ephesians 2:11-22

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Introduction:

1. Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you, being dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which *sins* you once **walked** ... ³ in which *transgressions* we also all once **conducted ourselves**, in the desires of our flesh, **doing** the wishes of our flesh and of our minds, and we were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

...¹⁰ For His **doing** are we, because we were **created in Christ Jesus** for **good works** which God prepared beforehand, that we should **walk** in them. [DJP translation]

2. Ephesians 2:11-22
 - a. Big idea
 - i. **Problem:**
 - ii. **Solution:**
 - b. Compare framing verses, vv. 11-12, 21-22 [ESV]

A ¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles **in the flesh**

B called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made **in the flesh** by hands—

C ¹² remember that you were at that time **separated from Christ**,

...

C' ...²⁰ built **on the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus himself** being the **cornerstone**,

B' ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple **in the Lord**.

A' ²² **In him** you also are being built together into a **dwelling place for God** by [*Gk in*] **the Spirit**.

- c. What **matters** is: when you work it through, here's the **center**

I. “_____”: _____ **ation (vv. 11-12)**

A. **Memory**

B. **Reality**

1. Two “once’s” begin the two sections in Ephesians

2. Five miseries were ours (v. 12) – “remember that you were at that time”

II. “_____”: **Reconciliation (vv. 13-18)**

A. **What? (v. 13)**

B. _____? (vv. 14-16)

1. The Reconciler (v. 14a)

2. Reconciliation:

a. He **eliminated**:

i. Generally: the *basis for* separation and hatred (v. 14b)

ii. Specifically: the law of commandments in ordinances (v. 15a)

iii. Overall: the _____

b. He **created**: one new man (v. 15b)

C. Leading to What? (vv. 17-18)

1. Christ preached peace to Gentiles and Jews (v. 17)

2. And so (v. 18)

III. Therefore: a _____... (vv. 19-22)

A. _____ation (v. 19)

B. _____ation (v. 20)

C. _____ation (vv. 21-22)