

## Our Position in the Church of Jesus Christ Ephesians 2:11-22

### I. Our Past Position 2:11-12

#### A. Our Former Identity 2:11

1. Gentiles regarded Jewish circumcision as a reproach, a stigma.
  2. Jews regarded uncircumcised Gentiles as estranged from God.
    - a) but the circumcision of most Jews was merely an external work.
    - b) God intended it to be a repudiation of the flesh.
- cf. Col 2:11; Deut 30:5-6; Jere 9:25-26

#### B. Our Former \_\_\_\_\_ 2:12

1. without Christ -
2. alienated from the nation of Israel -
3. strangers to the covenants -
4. no hope - 1 Thess 4:13
5. without God - everyone who does not know \_\_\_\_\_ does not know God  
cf. 1 John 2:20-23; 4:1-3, 13-15; 5:9-13; Jn 14:6-11; Jn 10:30

### II. Our New Position 2:13-22

#### A. Once far off, now \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Once without God, now \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. The five exclusions are now \_\_\_\_\_

1. we are now \_\_\_\_\_.
2. we now possess Israel's blessing which they have temporarily forfeited  
Rom 11:1, 5, 11, 23-27
3. we are now heirs of the \_\_\_\_\_ Gal 3:8-9, 14, 29
4. we now have \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Thess 4:13
5. God is now our \_\_\_\_\_ Gal 4:6-7

#### D. God has removed the barrier 2:14-15

1. This barrier is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - then Ex 20:8-11; now Rom 14:5-6

b. \_\_\_\_\_ - then Lev 11; now Rom 14:6, 15, 20;  
Acts 10:10-17, 28; 1 Tim 4:3-5

c. \_\_\_\_\_ - then Phil 3:4-5; now 1 Cor 7:18-19

2. This barrier is symbolized in the Temple Balustrade.

"No foreigner may enter within the barricade which surrounds the sanctuary and enclosure. Anyone who is caught so, will have himself to blame for his ensuing death."

3. The abolishing of the Mosaic Law

a. The Law has not been \_\_\_\_\_.

Rom 3:31; Mt 5:17, 18; Rom 10:4

b. Its present value is for the \_\_\_\_\_

1 Tim 1:8-10

c. But it has now been revealed that the Law could only bring \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Rom 3:20; 4:15; Gal 3:19-25; Col 2:14

d. Christ through His Spirit now provides \_\_\_\_\_.

Rom 7:4-6

E. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to God and so to \_\_\_\_\_ 2:16-18

1. Reconciliation involves \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Reconciliation involves \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 5:1-2

F. We are fellow \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's church. 2:19-22

1. Paul's figures which illustrate the true position of us Gentiles in Christ.

a. If a community, then we are \_\_\_\_\_.

b. If a household, then we are \_\_\_\_\_. cf. Gal 3:26-4:7

c. If a building, then we are \_\_\_\_\_

d. If a temple, then we are \_\_\_\_\_