



But Now - in Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22

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 . . .*

Unpacking Ephesians 2:11-22

1) Therefore remember → Life Apart from Christ (v. 11-12)

- Why do you think Paul begins this section with the command, “*Therefore remember*”? What is gained by remembering who we once were?
- Which descriptions in verses 11–12 stand out to you most (far off, excluded, without hope, without God)? Why?
- How might forgetting our life apart from Christ affect our humility, gratitude, or compassion toward others?

2) But now → Life through Christ (v. 13-18)

- What changes with the words “*But now*” in verse 13? How do these words reshape the entire passage?
- According to this section, what has Christ accomplished **through the cross** that we could never accomplish ourselves?
- Paul emphasizes peace—peace with God and peace with others. Where do you most need to receive or live out that peace today?

3) So then → Life in the Family of Christ (v. 19-22)

- Paul describes believers as citizens, family members, and part of a living temple. Which image resonates most with you right now?
- What does it mean to belong to God’s household, not just believe in God personally?
- How should being “*built together*” shape the way we view the church and our responsibility to one another?
- Are there ways you experience church more as an event than a family? What might need to change?