

The Church

The Household of God Questions - Week 7

One in Christ - Ephesians 2:11-22¹

Topics: <u>Church</u>, <u>Citizenship</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Good News</u>, <u>Holy Spirit</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Law</u>, <u>Peace</u>, <u>Reconciliation</u>, <u>Separation</u>

Open It

- 1. When was a time you felt deprived?
- 2. *What people have you known whose upbringing and family connections provided them with certain advantages?

Explore It

- 3. What did Paul command the Ephesians to remember? (2:11)
- 4. Why was being uncircumcised a desperate problem for the Gentiles? (2:11-12)
- 5. *How did Christ's work on the cross transform the condition of the Gentiles? (2:13)
- 6. Who brought peace to Jewish and Gentile believers? (2:14)
- 7. Why did Christ end the hostility between Jews and Gentiles? (2:14-16)
- 8. How did the enmity between Jews and Gentiles come to an end? (2:15-16)
- 9. What is the result of believing the message of Christ? (2:17-18)
- 10. *In Christ, how did the Gentiles achieve new spiritual and social status? (2:19)
- 11. On what foundation were the Ephesian believers built? (2:20)
- 12. How was Christ part of the foundation? (2:20)
- 13. How was the church described as living and growing? (2:21)
- 14. *How were the Ephesians becoming part of God's dwelling? (2:22)
- 15. How did God live in the Ephesian Christians? (2:22)

^{1.} Adult Questions for LESSONMaker, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "One in Christ - Ephesians 2:11-22".

Get It

- 16. *How does the gospel break down religious and social barriers?
- 17. Why is it that many churches maintain a dividing wall that keeps out other social and ethnic groups?
- 18. *How does your church treat foreigners and aliens?
- 19. How should churches treat foreigners and aliens?
- 20. If Paul were speaking to your congregation about reconciliation, would his words be ones of praise or disappointment?
- 21. In Christ, what is every Christian's relationship to other Christians?
- 22. What is your role in helping your congregation show unity in Christ?

Apply It

- 23. *How can you show God's love to an "outsider" this week?
- 24. To what groups or individuals can you extend the peace of Christ this week? How?