

EPHESIANS

ONE IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:11-22

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IMPACT FROM LAST WEEK

Sin works against us. Previously the believers had been spiritually dead and trapped in the darkness of their sin.

God works for us, in us, and through us. But now, they were alive in Christ and could experience the wonders of His light.

SUPPLEMENTAL VERSES — ONE IN CHRIST

Galatians 3:28 – "For ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

John 17:21 – "That they all may be one..."

1 Corinthians 12:12–13 – "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..."

Colossians 3:14 – "Above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

1 Peter 2:5 – "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house."

OUR TRUE
IDENTITY IN
CHRIST

Romans 3:24	We are declared "not guilty" of sin.
Romans 8:1	No condemnation awaits us.
Romans 8:2	We are free from the vicious circle of sin and death.
1 Corinthians 1:2	We are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 1:30	We are pure and holy.
1 Corinthians 15:22	We will rise again.
2 Corinthians 3:17	We are free from trying to be saved by being good enough.
2 Corinthians 5:17	We are brand new people inside.
2 Corinthians 5:21	We are full of God's goodness.
Galatians 3:28	We are one in Christ with all other believers.
Ephesians 1:3	We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in heaven.
Ephesians 1:4	We are holy, faultless, and covered with God's love.
Ephesians 1:5, 6	We belong to Christ.
Ephesians 1:7	Our sins are taken away and we are forgiven.
Ephesians 1:10, 11	We will live with Christ forever.
Ephesians 1:13	We are marked as belonging to God by the Holy Spirit.
Ephesians 2:6	We have been lifted from the grave to sit with Christ in glory.
Ephesians 2:10	We have been given new lives.
Ephesians 2:13	We have been brought near to God.
Ephesians 3:6	We will receive great blessings.
Ephesians 3:12	We can come fearlessly into God's presence.
Ephesians 5:29, 30	We are part of Christ's body, the church.
Colossians 2:10	We have everything because we have Christ, we are filled with God.
Colossians 2:11	We are set free from our evil desires.
2 Timothy 2:10	We will have eternal glory.

ONE IN CHRIST: EPHESIANS 2:11–22 (KJV)

- Theme: From Strangers to Family
 - Salvation creates unity
 - We belong to Christ—and to each other

ONE IN CHRIST — CONTEXT OF EPHESIANS

- Chapter 1 – What God has done for us
 - 2:1–10 – Saved by grace through faith
 - 2:11–22 – United into one body

ONE IN CHRIST: EPHESIANS 2:11–12 (KJV)

- Remember your past
 - Without Christ
 - Strangers and aliens
 - No hope, without God

Isaiah 59:2 (KJV)

“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God...”

Romans 3:23 (KJV)

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Ephesians 4:18 (KJV)

“Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God...”

ONE IN CHRIST - MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD (V.13)

- Far off → Made near
 - Not by works
 - By the blood of Christ

Hebrews 9:22 (KJV)

“...without shedding of blood is no remission.”

Colossians 1:20 (KJV)

“Having made peace through the blood of his cross...”

1 Peter 1:18–19 (KJV)

“...redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ...”

ONE IN CHRIST: HE IS OUR PEACE (V.14)

- Peace with God
 - Peace with believers
 - Wall of hostility removed

Romans 5:10 (KJV)

“...we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son...”

John 14:27 (KJV)

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you...”

Colossians 3:15 (KJV)

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...”

ONE IN CHRIST: ONE NEW MAN (V.15)

- Not Jew upgraded
 - Not Gentile elevated
 - A new humanity: The Church

Galatians 3:26–28 (KJV)

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus... ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (KJV)

“...if one died for all, then were all dead...”

Ephesians 4:24 (KJV)

“...put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness...”

ONE IN CHRIST: RECONCILED BY THE CROSS (V.16)

- Vertical reconciliation (to God)
 - Horizontal reconciliation (to people)
 - The cross solves both

2 Corinthians 5:18–19 (KJV)

“...God...hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...”

Romans 5:11 (KJV)

“...we also joy in God...by whom we have now received the atonement.”

Matthew 5:23–24 (KJV)

“...first be reconciled to thy brother...”

ONE IN CHRIST: ACCESS TO THE FATHER (V.18)

- Through the Son
 - By the Spirit
 - Unto the Father

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace...”

Romans 8:15 (KJV)

“...whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

John 10:9 (KJV)

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved...”

ONE IN CHRIST: NO MORE STRANGERS (V.19)

- Fellow citizens
 - Household of God
 - Belonging replaces alienation

Philippians 3:20 (KJV)

“For our conversation is in heaven...”

Hebrews 12:22–23 (KJV)

“...ye are come unto mount Sion...to the general assembly and church...”

1 John 3:1 (KJV)

“...that we should be called the sons of God...”

ONE IN CHRIST: CHIEF CORNER STONE (V.20)

- Foundation: Apostles & prophets
 - Christ sets alignment
 - Our lives must align to Him

Psalm 118:22 (KJV)

“The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.”

Isaiah 28:16 (KJV)

“...a precious corner stone, a sure foundation...”

1 Corinthians 3:11 (KJV)

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

ONE IN CHRIST: FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER (V.21–22)

- Carefully joined
 - Growing temple
 - Dwelling place of God

1 Corinthians 3:16 (KJV)

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God...”

1 Peter 2:4–5 (KJV)

“...as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house...”

2 Corinthians 6:16 (KJV)

“...ye are the temple of the living God...”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does remembering your past produce humility?
 - What does 'without hope' mean today?
 - Share how Christ brought you near.
- What modern walls exist in churches?
 - Where is reconciliation needed?
 - How can we reflect unity visibly?

John 13:35 (KJV)

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

Ephesians 4:3 (KJV)

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

CLOSING REFLECTION

- You were far off
 - You were strangers
 - **Now you are one in Christ**
 - Now you are God's dwelling