

Ephesians 2:11-22

Study 3: Two Become One



Why is Paul writing this?

How does Paul describe the former state of the Gentiles (see vv. 11-13)?

What words and phrases does Paul use to drive home his message of unity?

What relational privileges does Paul reference here (see vv. 12 and 19-22)? Think again about what the Gentiles were and what they are now.

Why does Paul take time to contrast 'far off' and 'near' (vv. 13 and 17)?

What issue might Paul have been addressing by the phrase "[Christ set] aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations" (v.15)?

Paul references the full trinity in this passage - where and why?

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How does this apply to or influence us today?

How often do we recall our 'former way of life'? When is it helpful to do so? When is it not so helpful?

What relationship is there between our new life in Christ and unity?

What are some of the ways in which we find ourselves out of peace with others?

In what ways are we, as a fellowship, successfully "joined together" (v.21)? In what ways/areas do we need to improve?

How does disunity affect the church as a whole, as well as our witness to the world?

What might you need to think or differently following this study?