

Fellow Heirs

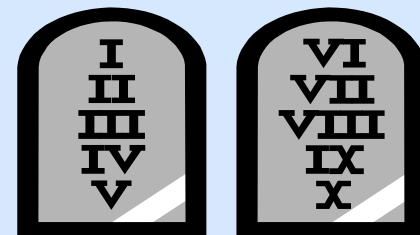
(In Heavenly Places)

Ephesians 2:11-22



Gentiles “Without” Christ, 11-12

- “aliens from Israel”
 - Not part of God’s initial plan
 - Not included as God’s “chosen people”
- “strangers from covenants of promise”
 - **Genesis 17:7**, “I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.”



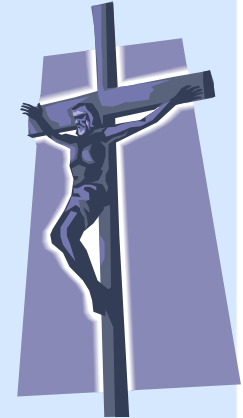
Gentiles “Without” Christ, 11-12

- “no hope”
 - Hope springs forth from promises
 - Strangers to the covenant of promise
- “without God in the world”
 - Without true knowledge from God
 - Righteousness
 - Peace
 - Joy
 - Salvation

**Only Israelites
Under God’s
Covenant with
Moses**

Gentiles “Through” Christ, 13-18

- **Both Jews and Gentiles made one**
 - **Made nigh by the blood of Christ**
 - **Middle wall of partition broken down**
 - **Abolished enmity in Jesus flesh**
 - **Old commandments abolished**
 - **Made in Himself from two, one new man**
 - **Made peace between Jews and Gentiles**
 - **Reconciled Jews & Gentiles unto God in one body by the cross**



Gentiles “Through” Christ, 13-18

- **Gentiles & Jews Share Access to God Because of Jesus**
 - He “preached peace” to those “afar” & “near”
- **Gospel To Everyone**
 - **Acts 2:39**, Jews, “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”
 - **Acts 8**, Eunuch & Samaritans
 - **Acts 10**, Gentiles, Peter’s great surprise



Gentiles “Through” Christ, 13-18

– **Galatians 3:24-29**, “the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

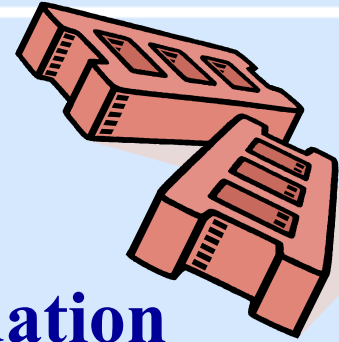


Gentiles “In” Christ, 19-22

- **NOW, In Christ by obeying God’s word**
 - **1 Peter 1:22-23**, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit ...Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”
- **NO longer, “strangers and foreigners”**
- **NOW, “fellow citizens with the saints”**
- **NOW in, “household of God”**



Gentiles “In” Christ, 19-22



- The “household of the God”
 - Vs. 20, Household built upon “foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.”
 - 1 Corinthians 3:11, “other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”
 - Vs. 21-22, “In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

What Did We Learn?

1. Condition “**Outside**” Christ

- “alien”, “stranger” to God’s promises
- “no hope”, “without God in this world”

2. Justified “**Through**” Christ, Not through the Old Law

- **Colossians 2:14**, Jesus, “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us”
- **Ephesians 4:1-6**, United in one body

What Did We Learn?

3. Great Joy of Being “In” Christ and...

...being “fellow citizens with the saints”

- **Romans 14:16-19**, “the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”



What Did We Learn?

4. Great Joy of Being “In” Christ and...

.....Being “members of God’s household ”

– **1 Timothy 3:15**, “know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

– **1 Timothy 5:1-2**, “Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.”



What Did We Learn?

5. Great Joy of Being “In” Christ...

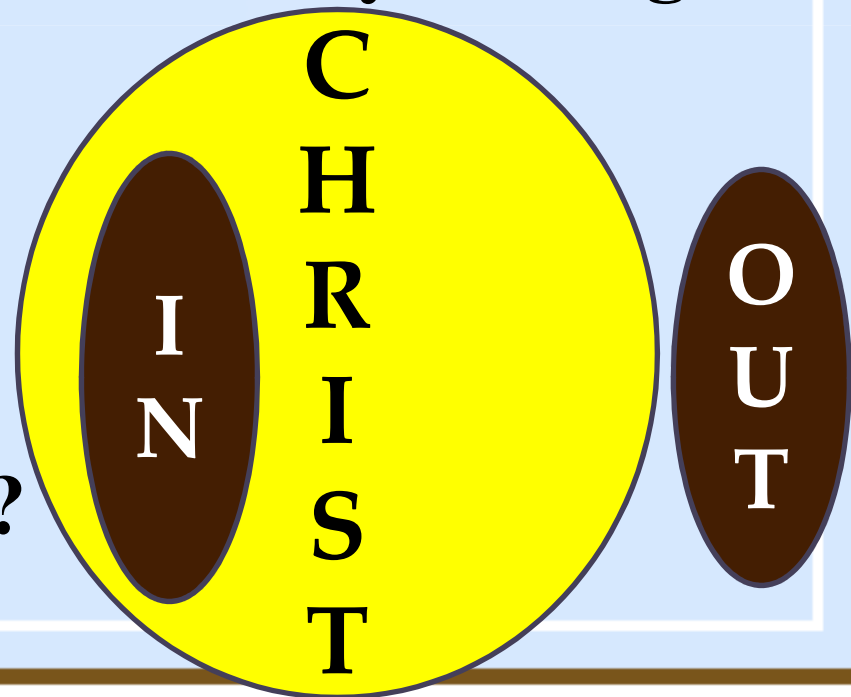
...Being the “temple of God”

- **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**, “the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy”
- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**, “your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”



Conclusion of the Matter

1. Message impacts everyone
2. Salvation came by way of the Jews through Jesus Christ for all
3. Responsibility to God's "Holy Calling"
 1. God's family
 2. God's kingdom
 3. God's temple
4. What is your spiritual condition?



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