

Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Believer's Reconciliation," (Ephesians 2:11-22)



Basic Ideas from the Letter to the Ephesians 2:11-22.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile but one new man.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Christ as our peace.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of His peace working in us and through us to those around us.



Basic Questions from the Letter to the Ephesians 2:11-22.

1. What is the point of vv.11, 12?
2. What type of picture is Paul painting of his audience?
3. What does v.13 do?
4. What assumptions can we make from v.13?
5. What is this "middle/dividing wall"?
6. What is the predominant thought of v.14?
7. What two parties have been brought together and made one?
8. In what way have we been made one?
9. What are vv.15 and 16 doing?
10. What does "in his flesh" speak of?
11. What was abolished?
12. What has been established?
13. Both v.15 and v.16 speak of enmity. What is this enmity?
14. What is it making the law?
15. What does v.18 begin to describe?
16. What are the consequences of being reconciled?
17. What is the agent whereby this access is made possible?
18. What does this mean?
19. How do we promote a oneness within this community of faith?
20. What might a biblical ecumenicalism look like?
21. Where do you draw your ecclesiastical lines? How might they differ from others and how are they the same?



The **Basic Application** from the Letter to the Ephesians 2:11-22.

1. As with any passage of Scripture, we need to ask ourselves why Paul wrote this paragraph. What is his intended meaning?

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2. The reader should know what we once were, but now are in Christ.
3. The reader should understand how the work of Christ produces change in the life of the recipient.
4. The reader should apply the finished work of Christ in his interaction with others within the same body.
5. The reader should see what a Christ-like life looks like as found in Ephesians 2:11-22?
 - a. A Christ-like life is unified and at peace with one another and with God.
 - b. A Christ-like life comes boldly to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - c. A Christ-like life keeps growing as the dwelling place of God.
6. The Christian can live the Christ-life because the enmity which separated us from others and from God has been destroyed.
7. This paragraph stresses our redemption. Have you received God's gracious gift? Do you know you are saved and on your way to heaven? What proof can you offer that would support your claim?
8. This paragraph (vv. 11-18) stresses our reconciliation. Have you been reconciled to God? Do you see how hopeless your past condition was apart from God? Without God taking the initiative you would never have been reconciled.
9. This paragraph (vv.19-22) stresses our relationship. We are now one with the saints and with God. We are the dwelling place of the Almighty and Holy God. Think of the electrifying effect these truths should have on our lives.
10. This is really the nuts and bolts of salvation's consequences in the plan of God.
11. Many people still wish to see Israel as somehow special in God's dealings today. How does our passage before us speak concerning this issue?

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