

Ephesians 2:11-22 Session 4

1. What were the Ephesians by natural birth or in the flesh? Why were they called "Uncircumcision"? By whom? (V. 11)
2. What was their former state before knowing Christ in relation to God's covenants? (V 12)
3. What is their current position? (V 13) why? What is the New Covenant? Who made this New Covenant and with whom? (Luke 22:20, 1 Cor. 11:25)
4. How is Jesus our peace? (V 14)
5. What did Jesus abolish? (V 15)
6. What two groups did he reconcile? (V16) How?
7. What is the message of Christ? For whom is this message? What do the phrases "you who were far away" and "those who you who were near" mean? (V 17)
8. How do we have access to the Father? (V 18) Who has this access?
9. What is it to be a citizen? (V 19) What are we citizens of?
10. What image does Paul use to describe the church? What is the foundation of our citizenship? (V 18) Who is the chief cornerstone? What does this mean to you?
11. What is the purpose of this building? What is the key to growth? (V 21) Is the building completed? (V 22) Where does God desire to dwell? How? See Matt 18:20.

Circumcision: Technical term for the mark of the covenant with Abraham. Gen 17:10

Gentiles (Gk) = Ethnos (English word "ethnic") Non-Jewish people; the nations

1. a multitude (whether of men or of beasts) associated or living together
 1. a company, troop, swarm
2. a multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus
 1. the human family
3. a tribe, nation, people group
4. in the OT, foreign nations not worshipping the true God, pagans, Gentiles
5. Paul uses the term for Gentile Christians

See 1 Corinthians 10:32 – three groups: The Jews, the Nations/non-Jews, the church.

Covenant = testament; agreement; Heb. 10:16; 12:24

1. disposition, arrangement, of any sort, which one wishes to be valid, the last disposition which one makes of his earthly possessions after his death, a testament or will 2. a compact, a covenant, a testament