

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: July 9, 2023
Ephesians 2:11-22

1. What is the “therefore” in verse 11 referring to?
 - a. I’m not sure, I missed last week.
 - b. We are saved by grace...and this not of ourselves.
 - c. God has a plan that involves our recreation in Christ to do good works he prepared for in advance for us to do.

2. Why were the Gentiles referred to as “uncircumcised,” according to verses 11-12?
 - a. They were not circumcised.
 - b. They were not God’s covenant people.
 - c. They were considered outsiders and excluded.
 - d. They were looked down upon by the Jews.

3. What, according to verses 13, has changed? _____

4. Why do you think he wants them (us) to remember this?
 - a. He is just trying to bring them down by reminding them of a difficult past.
 - b. We all hate to be “outsiders,” but many of us make other people feel like ‘outsiders’ once we end up on the inside. Maybe we feel like the inside is not special unless somebody else is still outside? But, anyway, we make others feel a way that we did not like to feel when we were there... NOT COOL! But many of us do it without even realizing it...unless we remember!
 - c. Appreciating what we’ve been given helps us want others to experience it and be intentional about offering it.

5. Have you ever felt like an outsider to the people of God? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. What, according to verse 14, was the blood of Christ intended to do with the ‘outsiders’ and the ‘insiders?’ _____

7. How, according to verses 15-18, has he begun to make these two one?
 - a. By setting aside the importance of the law that was given to the Jews and seemed to inherently divide the two because it made the Jews insiders because they had been given the law and everyone else outsiders and replacing it with something (someone) everyone could follow and have access to equally.
 - b. He created one path to God through the cross.
 - c. He came and preached peace to both the insiders and the outsiders.
 - d. He gave ALL access to the Father by one Spirit.

8. What are God’s people being made into, according to verses 21-22?
 - a. One single structure.
 - b. The holy temple of the Lord.
 - c. The dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

9. Do you ever forget what God has done for you? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____
Do we ever treat others like foreigners or outsiders? Yes_____ No_____ What names do we have for them?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____How will we treat people if we remember what God has done for us in Christ? _____