

The Community of Christ Part III
Eph. 2:11-22

Three Reminders:

- Comprehensive _____ (vv. 11-12)
 - Keeping the Law is as useless to covenant standing with God as an idol made with _____.
 - But without Christ, we are alienated from _____ and we were alienated from His _____.
 - Without God, we have no _____.
 - Without God, human life is meaningless, purposeless, and _____.
 - Atheist Bertrand Russell: Life is built on the firm foundation of unyielding _____.
 - To be separate from _____ is to be separate from _____.
- Multiple _____ PP (vv. 13-18)
 - Like Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 9), we lived in the lifeless desert place far from the _____.
 - But through the _____ of Christ and the _____ of Christ, we have been brought near.
 - The dividing wall around the Temple kept non-Jews away from the _____ of God and the _____ of His people.
 - Non-Jews who crossed the barrier were not simply _____, they were immediately _____.
 - In Christ, we have _____ with God and with each other.
 - Racism in God's church cannot be casually _____, it must be ruthlessly _____.
 - Are our _____ in the church more important than God's _____ for the church?
- Glorious _____ (vv. 19-22)
 - The church must be built on the apostolic and prophetic _____ of God.
 - We are unified as individual stones fitted together on the _____ who is Christ.
 - This is why we must _____ our view of the local church and recover meaningful church _____.

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Three Reminders:

- Comprehensive Alienation (vv. 11-12)
 - Keeping the Law is as useless to covenant standing with God as an idol made with wood.
 - But without Christ, we are alienated from God and we were alienated from His people.
 - Without God, we have no hope.
 - Without God, human life is meaningless, purposeless, and absurd.
 - Atheist Bertrand Russell: Life is built on the firm foundation of unyielding despair.
 - To be separate from Christ is to be separate from God.
- Multiple Reconciliation (vv. 13-18)
 - Like Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 9), we lived in the lifeless desert place far from the King.
 - But through the blood of Christ and the cross of Christ, we have been brought near.
 - The dividing wall around the Temple kept non-Jews away from the presence of God and the worship of His people.
 - Non-Jews who crossed the barrier were not simply prosecuted, they were immediately executed.
 - In Christ, we have peace with God and with each other.
 - Racism in God's church cannot be casually tolerated, it must be ruthlessly eradicated.
 - Are our preferences in the church more important than God's purposes for the church?
- Glorious Unification (vv. 19-22)
 - The church must be built on the apostolic and prophetic word of God.
 - We are unified as individual stones fitted together on the cornerstone who is Christ.
 - This is why we must elevate our view of the local church and recover meaningful church membership
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