

PBF CONNECT GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of Jan. 7-13

Ephesians 2:11-22 – The Church and Unity

Synopsis: Paul wanted the Ephesian church to understand the unity they had in Christ despite their different Jewish or Gentile backgrounds. By his own death, Christ has saved Jew and Gentile alike from the penalty of sin and built them together into one glorious temple of God.

Into the Bible

1. In what ways is Christ our “peace” (Eph. 2:14)? Keep the context in mind!
2. What do you think it means in verse 15 that he has “abolished the law of commandments expressed in ordinances”?
3. What do you think it means in verse 16 that Christ on the cross has “killed the hostility”? What hostility? How did his death accomplish that?

4. Christ is referred to as the “cornerstone” in verse 20. What was the significance of the cornerstone in ancient architecture? What is the significance of Christ as the cornerstone for the church?

Application

5. What are some ways remembering your former alienation from God might help you seek unity with other Christians?
6. What does unity within the church look like? How might you need to seek greater unity with other Parksiders?
7. What does unity with other Christians outside the church look like? How might you need to seek that kind of unity?