

A Practical Study of

EPHESIANS: Heaven's Plan for Life on Earth

"What It's Like Living According to God's Plan"

Study #4 – Ephesians 2:11-22

HIS PLAN FOR PEACE

Key Verse: Ephesians 2:14

For He is our peace, the One who made us both one, and has broken down the barrier formed by the dividing wall between us,

Text:

v.11 Therefore remember, that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

v.12 because you were at that time separated from Christ, having been excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, not having hope, and without God in the world.

v.13 But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near in the blood of Christ.

v.14 For He is our peace, the One who made us both one, and has broken down the barrier formed by the dividing wall between us,

v.15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, the Law of the commandments in ordinances, in order that of the two He might create in Himself one new man, making peace,

v.16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, having put to death the enmity by it.

v.17 And having come, He proclaimed peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near;

v.18 because through Him we are both having access by one Spirit to the Father.

v.19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and members of God's household,

v.20 having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone,

v.21 in whom the whole building is joined together and is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

v.22 in whom also you are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

INTRODUCTION:

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v.11 Therefore remember, that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

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Peterson paraphrases verse 11:

v.12 because you were at that time separated from Christ, having been excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, not having hope, and without God in the world.

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Peterson paraphrases verse 12:

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v.15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, the Law of the commandments in ordinances, in order that of the two He might create in Himself one new man, making peace.

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v.19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and members of God's household.

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v.20 having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone.

The NET Bible then translates verse 20:

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v.21 in whom the whole building is joined together and is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.

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v.22 in whom also you are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The NET Bible then translates verse 22:

Peterson paraphrases verse 22:

CONCLUSION:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?